Comma Splices and Fused Sentences Worksheet II

Practice: Some sentences below are correct, but most are comma splices or fused sentences. Find the incorrect sentences and correct them.

1. My mother is a registered nurse, she often has to work at night.

2. No one in my family likes turkey we always have Mexican food on Thanksgiving Day.

3. Some talk show hosts are genuinely funny and interesting, others seem mindless.

4. If you borrow my dress, please return it by the weekend; I might need it Saturday night.

5. Some people prefer to work with their minds, some prefer to work with their hands.

6. Happy people usually have many friends, however complainers often find themselves alone.

7. I like Dr. Jones he always takes the time to listen to me.

8. Tanya earned a degree in chemical engineering, then she went to law school.

9. Basset hounds love to eat and sleep; bloodhounds, on the other hand, love to hunt.

10. Beethoven was a remarkable composer, he was completely deaf during the last years of his life.

11. Mosquitoes are small insects they can cause major health problems for people and animals.

12. Baton Rouge is the capital city of Louisiana, it is considered the "Gateway to Acadia."

13. I knew I could never pass calculus when I looked at my first test, therefore I dropped the class at the first opportunity.

14. The painter worked quickly and skillfully, finishing the room in less than two hours.

15. The old woman's hands were wrinkled and worn, her nails were perfectly groomed.

16. The rooms in the apartment were large, however the closets were tiny.

17. The temperature is steadily dropping you will need a heavy coat.

18. Because the roads were icy, we decided to postpone the trip for a day or two.

19. The woman saw the mouse, began screaming, and climbed onto the table.

20. My brother has a wonderful sense of humor, my sister hardly ever smiles.

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