Comma Splices and Fused Sentences Worksheet II
Answer Key

Each sentence below has been corrected. Other methods of correction may be used.

1. My mother is a registered nurse, so 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, but others seem mindless.

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

5. Some people prefer to work with their minds while 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 because 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. C

10. Beethoven was a remarkable composer although 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, for 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. C

15. The old woman's hands were wrinkled and worn, but 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. C
19. The woman saw the mouse, began screaming, and climbed onto the table. C

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

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