

RUN-ON AND FRAGMENT EXERCISE

Below are examples of the four most common kinds of sentence errors, with an abbreviation next to each. In the practice exercises that follow, write the abbreviation that describes each numbered group of words in the space to its left.

S = sentence	Since he was feeling hungry, John cooked dinner.
F = fragment	Since he was feeling hungry.
CS = comma splice	John was feeling hungry, he cooked dinner.
FS = fused sentence	John was feeling hungry he cooked dinner

- ___1. One of the most popular films of all time being *King Kong* a film about a giant gorilla.
- ___2. Protests against immorality which became very strong by 1928.
- ___3. Americans will pay to cry the proverbial buckets, too, witness the success of a tear-jerker like *Love Story*.
- ___4. Movements toward censorship and federal regulations began.
- ___5. In the 1970's a new kind of spectacular became popular it allowed the public to have an almost real experience with disaster.
- ___6. In 1930 the movie industry adopted the Production Code, which probably saved the industry from government control.
- ___7. Then there are the ever-popular Disney cartoons.
- ___8. Since the industry agreed to control itself from within.
- ___9. Some films like *Earthquake* and *Midway* which treated the audience to the sights and sounds -- and the sensations of disaster.
- ___10. In essence the code states that movies may portray immoral conduct but may not advocate it.
- ___11. *Jaws*, an unusually frightening film about a shark's attacking swimmers at a popular beach area.
- ___12. War may not seem a likely booster for the film industry.
- ___13. The duel between hero and villain that dates back to the earliest western could still hold audiences spellbound in *High Noon* and will doubtless reappear as long as westerns are made.

- ___14. It was.
- ___15. Masses of Americans paid five cents to see *The Great Train Robbery*, the first full-length movie, today they pay several dollars to see the latest western adventure.
- ___16. When the Second World War swept the globe, people went to the movies in greater numbers than ever before.
- ___17. Next came a cycle of films about juvenile delinquency, this subject was a common newspaper headline of the mid-1950's.
- ___18. Partly because they had more money to spend on entertainment than they had previously had.
- ___19. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* entertained its audience throughout, nevertheless it dealt with a social issue--the treatment of mental illness.
- ___20. During the Second World War the movie industry had an unprecedented period of prosperity.

■ Answers

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| 1. F | 6. S | 11. F | 16. S |
| 2. F | 7. S | 12. S | 17. CS |
| 3. CS | 8. F | 13. S | 18. F |
| 4. S | 9. F | 14. S | 19. CS |
| 5. FS | 10. S | 15. CS | 20. S |