

Sentence Check

Sort sentences that are correct from sentences that need revision.

4.11.D.i “complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

CORRECT SENTENCE

A correct sentence has a subject and a verb that match. It shares a complete thought and uses punctuation to join ideas correctly.

Our neighbors plant tulips each spring.

SENTENCE TO REVISE

This group has a problem, such as a missing complete thought, verbs that do not match their subjects, or two complete thoughts run together.

Under the tall bridge.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle the category for each sentence, then choose two items and explain what makes each one Correct or Ready to Revise.

1. The musicians practice after school.

CORRECT

REVISE

2. The dogs in the yard barks loudly.

CORRECT

REVISE

3. When the rain stopped.

CORRECT

REVISE

4. My cousin and I built a birdhouse.

CORRECT

REVISE

5. The turtles swim in the pond.

CORRECT

REVISE

6. We packed our lunches we boarded the bus.

CORRECT

REVISE

7. The old map showed a hidden trail.

CORRECT

REVISE

8. The clouds drifted over the valley.

CORRECT

REVISE

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new Correct Sentence and one new Sentence to Revise.

CORRECT

REVISE

CHALLENGE

Write one correct compound sentence with two complete thoughts joined by a comma and the word and.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The musicians practice after school.	CORRECT	The plural subject musicians matches the plural verb practice, and the sentence is complete.
2	The dogs in the yard barks loudly.	REVISE	The plural subject dogs needs the verb bark, not barks.
3	When the rain stopped.	REVISE	This is a fragment because it does not tell what happened when the rain stopped.
4	My cousin and I built a birdhouse.	CORRECT	The compound subject matches the verb built, and the sentence is complete.
5	The turtles swim in the pond.	CORRECT	The plural subject turtles matches the plural verb swim.
6	We packed our lunches we boarded the bus.	REVISE	Two complete thoughts are run together without correct punctuation or a joining word.
7	The old map showed a hidden trail.	CORRECT	The singular subject map matches the singular verb showed, and the sentence is complete.
8	The clouds drifted over the valley.	CORRECT	The plural subject clouds matches the plural verb drifted, and the sentence is complete.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CORRECT:** The baby birds chirp at sunrise.
- **REVISE:** Across the noisy street.

Challenge: The bell rang, and the students packed their books.

Items 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are CORRECT. Items 2, 3, and 6 need REVISION; accept varied student examples that fit the category.