

Sentence Checkpoint

Sort sentences that are ready from ones that need editing.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

COMPLETE

A complete sentence has a subject and a verb and shares a full thought. If it has two clauses, the clauses are joined correctly.

Because Omar fed the rabbits, they waited quietly near the gate.

REVISE

A sentence needs revision if it is a fragment, run-on, splice, or has a subject-verb agreement error. Fix the problem before calling it complete.

Across the crowded market.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle COMPLETE or REVISE for each item, then choose two items and explain what makes each belong in its category.

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| 1. Although the trail was steep, the hikers reached the lake before noon. | COMPLETE | REVISE |
| 2. The library closed early because the pipes leaked. | COMPLETE | REVISE |
| 3. The science club meet after school on Thursdays. | COMPLETE | REVISE |
| 4. Since the bus was late this morning. | COMPLETE | REVISE |
| 5. Maya packed her lunch, she forgot a spoon. | COMPLETE | REVISE |
| 6. The dogs in the yard barks at every delivery truck. | COMPLETE | REVISE |
| 7. When the lights went out, everyone stayed calm until the generator started. | COMPLETE | REVISE |
| 8. We practiced for hours the song still sounded uneven. | COMPLETE | REVISE |

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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 COMPLETE sentence and one new REVISE sentence.

COMPLETE

REVISE

CHALLENGE

Write a COMPLETE complex sentence that begins with a dependent clause. Use a comma after the dependent clause.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Although the trail was steep, the hikers reached the lake before noon.	COMPLETE	This complex sentence has a dependent clause, an independent clause, and correct subject-verb agreement.
2	The library closed early because the pipes leaked.	COMPLETE	This is a complete sentence with a subject, verb, and complete thought.
3	The science club meet after school on Thursdays.	REVISE	The singular subject club needs the singular verb meets.
4	Since the bus was late this morning.	REVISE	This dependent clause is a fragment because it does not express a complete thought.
5	Maya packed her lunch, she forgot a spoon.	REVISE	This is a comma splice because two independent clauses are joined only by a comma.
6	The dogs in the yard barks at every delivery truck.	REVISE	The plural subject dogs needs the plural verb bark.
7	When the lights went out, everyone stayed calm until the generator started.	COMPLETE	This complex sentence has correctly joined clauses and correct subject-verb agreement.
8	We practiced for hours the song still sounded uneven.	REVISE	This is a run-on because two independent clauses are not joined correctly.

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)

- **COMPLETE:** After Jada checked the forecast, she packed a raincoat.
- **REVISE:** The musicians plays softly during rehearsal.

Challenge: When the final bell rang, the students hurried outside.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, students should name a specific feature, such as a missing independent clause, a comma splice, or matching subject and verb. Accept varied original sentences in Part 3 if they fit the chosen category.