

Sentence Signal Sort

Spot complete, correct sentences and sentences that need editing.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

COMPLETE AND CORRECT

A complete and correct sentence has a subject and verb that agree. If it has two complete thoughts, it uses correct punctuation or a joining word.

The scientist recorded the results after the test ended.

NEEDS EDITING

This sentence has an error, such as a fragment, a run-on, a comma splice, or a subject and verb that do not agree.

The baby birds chirped loudly they wanted food.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each item, then circle CORRECT or EDIT.

1. Although the trail was steep, the hikers reached the summit before noon.

CORRECT

EDIT

2. The orchestra rehearses after school because its concert is Friday.

CORRECT

EDIT

3. The stack of library books were due yesterday.

CORRECT

EDIT

4. When the rain stopped, the players returned to the field.

CORRECT

EDIT

5. The journalist checked her notes before she wrote the article.

CORRECT

EDIT

6. Since the power went out, the neighbors lit candles and shared flashlights.

CORRECT

EDIT

7. The bell rang, the students hurried into class.

CORRECT

EDIT

8. After finishing the map of the park.

CORRECT

EDIT

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 EDIT example.

CORRECT _____

EDIT _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one EDIT item from Part 1. Rewrite it as a complete and correct sentence, then name the error you fixed.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Although the trail was steep, the hikers reached the summit before noon.	CORRECT	This is a complete complex sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.
2	The orchestra rehearses after school because its concert is Friday.	CORRECT	This is a complete sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.
3	The stack of library books were due yesterday.	EDIT	The singular subject "stack" needs the singular verb "was."
4	When the rain stopped, the players returned to the field.	CORRECT	This is a complete complex sentence with correct punctuation.
5	The journalist checked her notes before she wrote the article.	CORRECT	This is a complete sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.
6	Since the power went out, the neighbors lit candles and shared flashlights.	CORRECT	This is a complete complex sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.
7	The bell rang, the students hurried into class.	EDIT	This is a comma splice because two complete sentences are joined only by a comma.
8	After finishing the map of the park.	EDIT	This is a fragment because it does not express a complete thought.

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:** While the lantern flickered, the campers packed their bags.
- **EDIT:** The collection of old coins were valuable.

Challenge: The bell rang, and the students hurried into class. I fixed a comma splice.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Part 3 samples are listed in category order: CORRECT, then EDIT. Accept varied student responses if they clearly fit the category and use original wording.