

Avoiding Fragments, Run-ons, and Comma Splices

Decide whether each item is a fragment, a run-on, a comma splice, or a complete sentence.

Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. The English language is full of words that mean nearly the same thing.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
2. This confuses many people they want to know why one word isn't enough.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
3. Words that mean the same thing.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
4. The opposite of synonyms are antonyms, which are words that mean the opposite.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
5. Learning synonyms and antonyms is important, it increases your vocabulary.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
6. *Haughty* is a synonym of *conceited*.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
7. Another synonym of these words is *proud*, this word has a different connotation than the other two.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
8. Connotation is a kind of hidden meaning *proud* generally has a positive connotation and *conceited* has a negative connotation.
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B run-on **D** complete sentence
9. Be called *proud* instead of *conceited* any day!
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
10. One must be aware of word connotations, you don't want to insult someone.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
11. I can give you other examples of connotations *thrifty* means "doesn't spend a lot of money."
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
12. *Thrifty* has a positive connotation as opposed to its synonym *cheap*.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
13. Hurt someone's feelings if you call them "cheap."
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
14. When you use synonyms, be careful to make sure you consider the connotations.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
15. Some words do not have connotations, their connotations are not important.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
16. I'll use the word *denotation* as an example, I wanted to talk about that word anyway.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
17. A few synonyms for *denotation* are *definition* or *meaning*.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
18. None of these synonyms have negative or positive connotations you can use them interchangeably.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence
19. Learning about the denotations and connotations of English words.
A fragment **C** comma splice
B run-on **D** complete sentence