

# 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. Are you a fan of the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew books?  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
2. The author for the Hardy Boys is Franklin W. Dixon the author for Nancy Drew is Carolyn Keene.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
3. These books were actually written by many different authors.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
4. Hired different writers to write the books.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
5. These writers promised to write stories, the stories were credited to one author.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
6. When someone writes like this, he or she is called a ghostwriter.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
7. Many writers wrote more than one book Millie Benson wrote over twenty Nancy Drew books.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
8. Of all Nancy Drew books, twenty-three.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
9. Died in 2002 was ninety-six years old.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
10. Leslie McFarlane wrote Hardy Boys books.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
11. He wrote twenty-one Hardy Boys books, he also wrote for the Nancy Drew series.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
12. McFarlane's son was ten years old when he learned who wrote Hardy Boys books.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
13. He told people that he was very surprised to learn this he said it was like finding out his dad was Santa!  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
14. The idea for these books came from a man named Edward Stratemeyer, he started the Stratemeyer Syndicate.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
15. Stratemeyer paid his writers \$125 for writing one book, he gave some of them raises over the years.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
16. Stratemeyer died in 1930 the company was then run by his daughters.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
17. Changed how they looked since they were first published.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
18. You can still buy these books at the store, you can also find them at libraries.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence
19. If you haven't read a Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew book, you should give it a try.  
**A** fragment                      **C** comma splice  
**B** run-on                            **D** complete sentence