6th Grade Daily Oral Language Practice

RUN-ONS, FRAGMENTS, SEMICOLONS, COLONS, AND PRONOUN AGREEMENT

Name _____ Date _____

Directions: Each sentence has a run-on, fragment, punctuation, or agreement error, plus capitalization. Rewrite the whole sentence correctly on the lines below it. Some can be fixed more than one way.

1. the storm knocked out the power, we read by candlelight until midnight

2. my brother loves basketball he practices in the driveway every day after school

3. because the bus was late. we missed the first half of the assembly

4. we spent the whole afternoon at the lake. swimming, fishing, and skipping rocks

5. you will need three things for the hike water sunscreen and a map

6. the coach gave us one piece of advice never stop running until you hear the whistle

7. the zoo was closed on monday however the aquarium next door was open

8. our road trip stopped in boston massachusetts portland maine and burlington vermont

9. the dogs barked at the mail carrier, and it would not stop until she left

10. the author who we met at the book fair signed my copy of her new novel

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Answer Key

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1. The storm knocked out the power, so we read by candlelight until midnight.
   Also correct: The storm knocked out the power; we read by candlelight until midnight.
   Also correct: The storm knocked out the power. We read by candlelight until midnight.
2. My brother loves basketball; he practices in the driveway every day after school.
   Also correct: My brother loves basketball, and he practices in the driveway every day after school.
   Also correct: My brother loves basketball. He practices in the driveway every day after school.
3. Because the bus was late, we missed the first half of the assembly.
   Also correct: We missed the first half of the assembly because the bus was late.
4. We spent the whole afternoon at the lake swimming, fishing, and skipping rocks.
   Also correct: We spent the whole afternoon at the lake: swimming, fishing, and skipping rocks.
5. You will need three things for the hike: water, sunscreen, and a map.
6. The coach gave us one piece of advice: never stop running until you hear the whistle.
   Also correct: The coach gave us one piece of advice: Never stop running until you hear the whistle.
7. The zoo was closed on Monday; however, the aquarium next door was open.
   Also correct: The zoo was closed on Monday. However, the aquarium next door was open.
8. Our road trip stopped in Boston, Massachusetts; Portland, Maine; and Burlington, Vermont.
9. The dogs barked at the mail carrier, and they would not stop until she left.
10. The author whom we met at the book fair signed my copy of her new novel.
    Also correct: The author we met at the book fair signed my copy of her new novel.