Sentence Boundary Punctuation Worksheet

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1. I wanted to go to the movies. I didn’t have enough time or money.

2. The people should have seen the disaster coming. They should not be held accountable.

3. The baseball players want a raise. They believe the management is taking advantage of them.

4. Thomas does not know how to meet women. He placed an add in the personals.

5. He and Sarah decided to meet at her place. She decided to clean her apartment.

6. She was disappointed when she met him. She pretended she had food poisoning.

7. Thomas should fix his hair. He should buy some new clothes.
8. The car’s engine stalled. The breaks were flooded.

9. A bear got into Mary’s yard. Rory called the police.

10. The paper is wrinkled. It can still be used for scratch.

11. Her helmet didn’t fit well. She refused to try it on in the store.

12. Ruben wants to get an “A” in his history class. He doesn’t put aside enough time to study.

13. He failed his first exam. He decided not to go to the club during school nights.

14. Rhonda doesn’t need a mink coat. She cannot afford one.

15. Thomas and his new girlfriend decided to take a romantic walk along the pier. They changed their minds when the wind began to howl.
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*Directions:* Edit the following sentences by correcting the period, comma or semicolon with the correct punctuation and, when necessary, the appropriate coordinating conjunction or transition word. *Some sentences may be correct.*

1. The dog bit the mail carrier, however he did not press charges.
2. Chiara’s mother could not stand her boyfriend for, he was mean to her.
3. My cousin drove his car off the side of the road yet he was not hurt.
4. My computer crashed, in addition, I had not saved any of my work.
5. I can’t go on the ski trip, for I don’t have enough money.
6. Romi won’t lend me the money; therefore, I have to spend Spring Break alone in my apartment.
7. Yvette’s brother, Michael, used her car without refilling the gas tank, as a result she got stranded the next day on her way to work.
8. Michael proved that he couldn’t be trusted; consequently Yvette will never again allow him to use her car.
9. I work at home and I like it.
10. I like making my own schedule but I miss the company of other people.
11. I’ve been thinking of working at the office for 2 or 3 days a week; so, I can interact with my co-workers.
12. Ernie broke the furnace, yet, he refused to pay for the damage.
13. Andre had to pay for the repairs out of his own pocket or; he would have been evicted by the landlord.
14. The homework for my history class is extremely difficult, on the other hand, the tests are amazingly simple.
15. Sarah loves fish, yet she refuses to eat sushi.
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Answer Key

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   I wanted to go to the movies, but I didn’t have enough time or money.

   I wanted to go to the movies; however, I didn’t have enough time or money.

2. The people should have seen the disaster coming. They should not be held accountable.

   The people should have seen the disaster coming, yet they should not be held accountable.

   The people should have seen the disaster coming; nonetheless, they should not be held accountable.

3. The baseball players want a raise. They believe the management is taking advantage of them.

   The baseball players want a raise, for they believe the management is taking advantage of them.

4. Thomas does not know how to meet women. He placed an add in the personals.

   Thomas does not know how to meet women, so he placed an add in the personals.

   Thomas does not know how to meet women; as such, he placed an add in the personals.

5. He and Sarah decided to meet at her place. She decided to clean her apartment.

   He and Sarah decided to meet at her place, so she decided to clean her apartment.

   He and Sarah decided to meet at her place; thus, she decided to clean her apartment.
6. She was disappointed when she met him. She pretended she had food poisoning.

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7. Thomas should fix his hair. He should buy some new clothes.

   Thomas should fix his hair, and he should buy some new clothes.

   Thomas should fix his hair; in addition, he should buy some new clothes.

8. The car’s engine stalled. The breaks were flooded.

   The car’s engine stalled, and the breaks were flooded.

   The car’s engine stalled; furthermore, the breaks were flooded.

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13. He failed his first exam. He decided not to go to the club during school nights.

    He failed his first exam, so he decided not to go to the club during school nights.

    He failed his first exam; consequently, he decided not to go to the club during school nights.

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    Rhonda doesn’t need a mink coat, and she cannot afford one.

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