

EXERCISE 20-1 Run-on Sentences

Revise any run-on sentences using the method of revision suggested in brackets. Example:

Because

Orville had been obsessed with his weight as a teenager, he rarely ate anything

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sweet and delicious. [*Restructure the sentence.*]

- a. The city had one public swimming pool, it stayed packed with children all summer long.
[*Restructure the sentence.*]
 - b. The building is being renovated, therefore at times we have no heat, water, or electricity.
[*Use a comma and a coordinating conjunction.*]
 - c. The neighborhood was ruled by gangs, what kind of environment was this for my ten-year-old son? [*Make two sentences.*]
 - d. Suddenly there was a loud silence, the shelling had stopped. [*Use a semicolon.*]
 - e. The car was hardly worth trading, the frame was twisted and the block was warped.
[*Restructure the sentence.*]
1. The city government had good reason to fear a major earthquake, most of the business district was built on a landfill. [*Restructure the sentence.*]
 2. The next time an event is canceled because of bad weather, don't blame the meteorologist, blame nature. [*Make two sentences.*]
 3. Mr. Romero is an excellent linguist he has been studying Chinese dialects for twenty years. [*Restructure the sentence.*]
 4. The president of Algeria was standing next to the podium he was waiting to be introduced. [*Restructure the sentence.*]
 5. There was one major reason for John's wealth, his grandfather had been a multimillionaire. [*Use a colon.*]