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Avoiding Fragments, Run-ons, Comma Splices, and Ramble-ons

Lesson 19

Read and Discover

In some places snow accumulates into deep drifts, it begins to compact into ice. When vast sheets of ice form. They sometimes build and build over the years, and start to cover such enormous surfaces of the land that the vast sheets can be more accurately called glaciers.

Circle the dependent clause that is missing an independent clause. Underline the sentence that is written incorrectly because it is made up of two independent clauses without a conjunction. Write *X* at the beginning of the sentence that contains unnecessary words and phrases.

A **fragment** does not tell a complete thought. A **run-on sentence** is a compound sentence that is missing a comma and a conjunction. A **comma splice** is a run-on sentence that has a comma but is missing a conjunction. A **ramble-on** sentence is correct grammatically but contains unnecessary words and phrases or includes too many ideas. Avoid fragments, run-ons, comma splices, and ramble-ons in the final versions of your written work.

See Handbook Sections 8, 14, 22

Part 1

Write *F* after each fragment. Write *RO* after each run-on. Write *CS* after each comma splice. Write *RA* after each ramble-on sentence.

1. There are two different types of glaciers they are not hard to distinguish. _____
2. Alpine and continental glaciers. _____
3. Alpine, or mountain, glaciers occur in high, cold mountain valleys, over time these glaciers slowly slide down the mountains. _____
4. Continental glaciers cover large, flat areas around the earth's poles, it is cold enough for snow to fall throughout the year. _____
5. You may be surprised to learn that, like alpine glaciers, continental glaciers, which cover large areas that are often basically just open ocean, are frozen fresh water because they are made by snow falling from above instead of sea water freezing from below. _____
6. During colder eras, these glaciers expanded they spread over the Antarctic and Arctic regions like pancake batter. _____
7. Alpine glaciers are one of the strongest forces the earth has ever seen; with their might, these powerful glaciers have carved and shaped landforms of all kinds in many parts of our planet. _____
8. There are two national parks called Glacier National Park one is in Canada and the other is in the United States. _____
9. Glaciers once covered the land in both parks even today there are glaciers for visitors to see. _____
10. Carved extraordinary formations out of the land there. _____
11. These big, heavy rivers of ice, like sandpaper and chisels as they move across the land. _____