Comma Splice (Run-on Sentence) Exercise.

Choose whether the following sentences are complete sentences or run-on sentences (that is, they use a comma splice).

1. We like him, he is very funny.
   Comma Splice
   Complete

2. We tried to text you, but you didn't respond.
   Comma Splice
   Complete

3. It's cold outside, make sure you have your tuque.
   Comma Splice
   Complete

4. Our dog is really playful, he's only 4 months old.
   Comma Splice
   Complete

5. I want to help her, but she won't let me.
   Comma Splice
   Complete

6. This is going to be a very hot summer, therefore, you should buy a straw hat.
   Comma Splice
   Complete

7. My favourite hockey player is Wayne Gretzky, he has so many NHL records.
   Comma Splice
   Complete

8. The test is difficult, so you should study hard.
   Comma Splice
   Complete

9. When I grow up, I'm going to be a fireman.
   Comma Splice
   Complete

10. Because the snow is coming down and the visibility is poor, I'm not going to risk driving to Ottawa this morning.
    Comma Splice
    Complete

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There are three sentences for each question. One has a comma splice; two do not. Select the one with the comma splice.

1.

Joe bought a new car, it was red with white racing stripes.
When Bob was doing his homework, a brick came through his window with a note on it.
Fred ate shellfish, then had an allergic reaction.

2.

Out of the mist, the swamp-thing emerged.
Don't you know not to touch that, it will burn you!
When you cut the lawn, make sure you have a sharp blade.

3.

When you go to the store, pick up some bread.
It's hot outside, make sure you drink plenty of water.
My brother makes pancakes on Saturdays, and my sister makes them on Sundays.

4.

What will you do with it now, it is soaking wet.
Why are you carrying that, as it is too heavy for you.
When the big hand is at the 12, it is four o'clock.

5.

He is going to the track, he'll run a few laps, he'll head back to the pool.
He will first prepare the yeast, then add it to the dough, and finally knead it before letting it rise.
They came to the park, then they ran on to the field, and they played for hours.

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