

The Learning Centre

Grammar Skills

Sentence Structure Practice I (KEY)

*Note that the grammatical errors in these sentences could be corrected in many ways. The corrections in the answer key are not the only ways to correct the errors.

1. Due to the increased enrollment of students at Okanagan College. The library is getting busier.

Correct/Incorrect: I

Grammar Error: sentence fragment

Correction: Due to the increased enrollment of students at Okanagan College, the library is getting busier.

2. Last Sunday, I watched Netflix for ten hours straight; therefore, I didn't get my homework done.

Correct/Incorrect: C

Grammar Error: n/a

Correction: *n/a*

3. My brother won awards in hockey, baseball and basketball he has always been a great athlete.

Correct/Incorrect: I

Grammar Error: run-on sentence

Correction: My brother won awards in hockey, baseball and basketball. He has always been a great athlete.

4. Yesterday, Cara went to the Thai restaurant with her husband. Which is her favourite restaurant in Kelowna.

Correct/Incorrect: I

Grammar Error: sentence fragment

Correction: Yesterday, Cara went out for dinner with her husband. They went to the Thai restaurant, which is Cara's favourite restaurant in Kelowna.

5. Although my mom hates the colour red, she always loved when my dad bought her red roses.

Correct/Incorrect: C

Grammar Error: n/a

Correction: n/a

6. Frank was invited to the Business Awards Ceremony this year, he is a very astute student with a promising future.

Correct/Incorrect: I

Grammar Error: comma splice

Correction: Frank was invited to the Business Awards Ceremony this year <u>as</u> he is a very astute student with a promising future.

7. Next year, I want to travel to England but I don't know how I will afford it maybe I can get another part-time job to offset the costs.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar Error: run-on sentence

Correction: Next year, I want to travel to England but I don't know how I will afford it: maybe I can get another part-time job to offset the costs.

8. My favourite book is *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, many people think Frankenstein is the monster, though he is really the scientist.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar Error: comma splice

Correction: My favourite book is Frankstein by Mary Shelley. Interestingly, many people think Frankenstein is the monster, though he is really the scientist.