

## Breaking Sentences Answer Key

(Note: Multiple correct answers are possible. Samples are provided.)

1. I woke up late. I missed the bus.  
—or— I woke up late, so I missed the bus.
2. The dog barked loudly. It scared the mail carrier.  
—or— The dog barked loudly, and it scared the mail carrier.
3. We went to the store, and we bought apples, oranges, and bananas.
4. My phone rang, but I didn't answer it because I was doing my homework.
5. The sun was shining, so we decided to go to the beach.
6. I like pizza, but my brother prefers hamburgers.
7. It rained all day; the soccer game was canceled.
8. I studied for the test, but I still felt nervous when it began.
9. We cleaned the house before our guests arrived early.  
—or— We cleaned the house, but our guests arrived early.
10. I finished my book, and I returned it to the library right away.

### Teacher Notes/Guide

- **Focus:** Students learn to recognize sentences that run together without proper punctuation or connection.
- **Fixing Methods:**
  1. Separate with a period.
  2. Join with a comma + conjunction.
  3. Use a semicolon for closely related ideas.
- **Tip for Students:** Read aloud. If you need to pause but there's no punctuation, it may be a run-on.
- **Extension Idea:** Challenge students to rewrite the same run-on in *two different correct ways* (using both a period and a conjunction).