

## Punctuation Rescuers Answer Key

1. The clouds grew darker, and the storm was about to begin. / The clouds grew darker; the storm was about to begin.
2. I love to read mystery novels; they keep me guessing until the last page. / I love to read mystery novels. They keep me guessing until the last page.
3. The dog chased the ball across the yard, and he dropped it at his owner's feet. / The dog chased the ball across the yard. He dropped it at his owner's feet.
4. We tried to call you, but the line was busy all night. / We tried to call you; the line was busy all night.
5. The team practiced hard all week, and they wanted to win the championship game. / The team practiced hard all week. They wanted to win the championship game.
6. Our teacher explained the assignment, but we still had many questions about it. / Our teacher explained the assignment; we still had many questions about it.
7. My sister baked cookies, and she also made a chocolate cake for dessert. / My sister baked cookies. She also made a chocolate cake for dessert.
8. The museum closed at five, so we didn't have enough time to see everything. / The museum closed at five; we didn't have enough time to see everything.
9. The cat slept peacefully on the couch, but the dog barked loudly at the mailman. / The cat slept peacefully on the couch. The dog barked loudly at the mailman.
10. I wanted to go to the beach, but it started raining, so we stayed home instead. / I wanted to go to the beach. It started raining, so we stayed home instead.

### Teacher Notes/Guide:

- Students should understand that **run-ons can be fixed in multiple ways**. Encourage them to practice using **variety**: commas with conjunctions, semicolons, and periods.
- Accept all corrections that eliminate the run-on and preserve meaning.
- For the **Challenge Extension**, model rewriting one example two different ways (e.g., semicolon vs. period) to show flexibility.