

Sentence Fragments, Run-On Sentences, and Comma-Splices Exercise

Directions: Carefully examine the sentences below. In the space next to each sentence, write “F” if the sentence is a fragment, “CS” if it is a comma-splice, “R” if it is a run-on sentence, or “C” if it is correct. Then, if it is incorrect, rewrite the sentence. When you are finished, check your responses with the answer key on the next page.

Ex. CS *You can even test this theory on your own, you simply need to find some place from which you can drop a penny three stories.*

*Corrected: You can even test this theory on your own. **You** simply need to find some place from which you can drop a penny three stories.*

1. ____ Students who have studied Freudian psychology are probably familiar with the concept of catharsis.

2. ____ Although the idea of catharsis actually originated from ancient Greece.

3. ____ Sigmund Freud used the term to describe the process by which repressed emotions are released, he believed that emotions associated with distant memories needed to be released.

4. ____ If these emotions were not released in due time.

5. ____ Patients who experienced greater levels of frustration and anger.

6. ____ Catharsis was thought to be a safe and healthy form of emotional release it is still used by some therapists today.

7. ____ Some therapists encourage their patients to talk about their feelings, especially feelings associated with childhood memories.

8. ____ Some patients may be uncomfortable discussing their past memories openly, other patients prefer to discuss their present problems rather than their childhoods.

Answer Key

1. C Students who have studied Freudian psychology are probably familiar with the concept of catharsis.

2. F Although the idea of catharsis actually originated from ancient Greece.
Corrected: Although the idea of catharsis actually originated from ancient Greece, most people today associate the practice of catharsis with Sigmund Freud.

3. CS Sigmund Freud used the term to describe the process by which repressed emotions are released, he believed that emotions associated with distant memories needed to be released.

Corrected: Sigmund Freud used the term to describe the process by which repressed emotions are released; he believed that emotions associated with distant memories needed to be released.

4. F If these emotions were not released in due time.

Corrected: If these emotions were not released in due time, the patient might become frustrated, angry, or generally depressed.

5. F Patients who experienced greater levels of frustration and anger.

Corrected: Patients who experienced greater levels of frustration and anger also reported feeling more anxious.

6. R Catharsis was thought to be a safe and healthy form of emotional release it is still used by some therapists today.

*Corrected: Catharsis was thought to be a safe and healthy form of emotional release. **It** is still used by some therapists today.*

7. C Some therapists encourage their patients to talk about their feelings, especially feelings associated with childhood memories.

8. CS Some patients may be uncomfortable discussing their past memories openly, other patients prefer to discuss their present problems rather than their childhoods.

*Corrected: Some patients may be uncomfortable discussing their past memories openly, **and other** patients may prefer to discuss their present problems rather than their childhoods.*