

Correcting Sentence Errors Key

A. Rewrite each run-on sentence as a compound sentence. Use a coordinating conjunction and a comma.

1. Some students work at desks, **and/but/yet** others work at computers.
2. Computers provide information, **and** they store information.
3. Hardware is the computer machinery, **and/but** the program gives instructions.
4. The abacus is an ancient tool, **and/but** the computer is one of the newest.

B. Rewrite each run-on sentence as a complex sentence. Use the subordinating conjunction in parentheses.

1. Mathematics seems easy to you you may need to study. (unless)

Unless mathematics seems easy to you, you may need to study.

2. You round numbers you estimate the answer. (when)

When you round numbers, you estimate the answer.

3. You want to check your subtraction you use addition. (if)

If you want to check your subtraction, you use addition.

4. Our system is named the decimal system decimal means numbering by tens.

(because)

Our system is named the decimal system because decimal means numbering by tens.