RUN-ON SENTENCES, COMMA SPLICES, AND FRAGMENTS

Read each sentence aloud to yourself. When you come across either a fragment or two independent clauses punctuated as one sentence, circle the number of that sentence. Then correct the sentence in the space below or on the back if more space is necessary.

EXAMPLE: Volcanic activity from the ocean floor may form new islands, lava cooled by the water creates land mass.

Volcanic activity from the ocean floor may form new islands as lava cooled by the water creates land mass.

1. The volcanic birth of the island of Surtsey, near Iceland, is one of the most spectacular geological phenomena of modern times.

2. Early on the morning of November 14, 1963, a fishing vessel reported a gigantic spouting in the sea the vessel itself was given a violent twist, as if it had been caught in a whirlpool.

3. Within three hours a column of vapor, ash, and solidified bits of lava had reached 12,000 feet.

4. A day later a narrow ridge of land had appeared above the surface of the water, this new land mass consisted chiefly of loose, porous material.

5. A result of hot lava meeting cold water deep in the sea.

6. The island continued to grow, eruption after eruption sent columns of debris to 50,000 feet.

7. The explosions were not loud vapor apparently muffled the noise.

8. After each explosion, cinders, ash, and pumice shot up in a dark mass, superheated steam shot up in a dark mass.

9. Sightseeing ships and aircraft were bombarded by huge hailstones formed by the cooled, condensed steam.

10. If they dared too close.