

SENTENCE COMBINING SKILLS

ANSWER KEY

EXERCISES

Directions: In the text-area below each group of sentences, combine all of those sentences into one effective sentence containing only one independent clause. These sentences can be combined in many interesting ways, depending on what idea is put into the independent clause and what ideas are subordinated (and how). **ANSWERS WILL VARY.**

1. *The capital of Connecticut is Hartford, the second largest city in the state.*
2. *Hartford was once known as an industrial center and the home of several manufacturers that made firearms, typewriters, bicycles, and even cars.*
3. *Today, though, several insurance companies make Hartford their home, such as Aetna, the Travelers, the Hartford, and Cigna, all within miles of one another.*
4. *Manufacturers once took advantage of Hartford's access to the Connecticut River and enjoyed its well-educated workforce.*
5. *Eventually, cheap labor in the southern states lured manufacturing away from Hartford, leaving large empty factories as remnants of Hartford's industrial past.*
6. *Some of these factories have been torn down, some of them converted to artists' studios.*
7. *While manufacturing jobs are still available, today, great wealth abounds in Hartford's insurance industry.*
8. *Mark Twain, author of Huckleberry Finn, a classic American novel, lived in Hartford for several years, though his real name was Samuel L. Clemens.*
9. *Mark Twain's house on Farmington Avenue in Nook Farm was very elaborate and elegant and neighbored the house of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin.*
10. *Mark Twain was one of the first three people in Hartford to own a telephone, which was first used commercially in nearby New Haven, but, because there was practically no one to talk to, Twain never really like this newfangled gadget.*