

Nonessential Clauses and Phrases (Part Two)

1. Each component of the heart is vital to the operation of the others and to the organ as a whole.
A) NO CHANGE
B) vital, to the operation, of the others
C) vital, to the operation of the others,
D) vital—to the operation of the others—
2. When U.S. astronaut, Neil Armstrong, landed on the moon in 1968, it was a milestone achievement for humanity.
A) NO CHANGE
B) astronaut, Neil Armstrong
C) astronaut Neil Armstrong,
D) astronaut Neil Armstrong
3. The author composed the first verse of her poem, while standing on top of a mountain.
A) NO CHANGE
B) verse of her poem
C) verse, of her poem,
D) verse, of her poem
4. Of course cats which have excellent night vision are nocturnal animals; it is the best time for them to hunt.
A) NO CHANGE
B) Of course, cats, which have excellent night vision,
C) Of course, cats which have excellent night vision
D) Of course cats, which have excellent night vision,
5. A vote by astronomers, who were also members of the International Astronomical Union, they determined that Pluto was not in fact a planet.
A) NO CHANGE
B) Union when they determined
C) Union, determined
D) Union determined
6. After King Louis XVI—along with his wife, Austrian princess Marie Antoinette, fled from the palace at Versailles, the people of France declared, “Off with his head!”
A) NO CHANGE
B) wife Austrian princess Marie Antoinette—fled
C) wife—Austrian princess Marie Antoinette—fled
D) wife, Austrian princess Marie Antoinette—fled

7. The ruling that changed the fate of the nation was extremely controversial, especially in the bigger cities.
A) NO CHANGE
B) ruling, that changed the fate of the nation,
C) ruling that changed the fate of the nation,
D) ruling that changed the fate, of the nation,
8. Baseball is a classic American sport that has long been valued highly as a quintessential American tradition; however it has often been criticized as being boring and having lengthy game times, often in excess of three hours, leading to the sport declining in popularity.
A) NO CHANGE
B) however, it has often been criticized as being boring and having lengthy game times, often
C) however it has often been criticized as being boring and having lengthy game times often
D) however, it has often been criticized as being boring and having lengthy game times often
9. In the years that followed many came to appreciate Nostradamus's sayings as literal predictions of future events.
A) NO CHANGE
B) followed, many,
C) followed, many
D) followed many,
10. Martin Luther King himself in his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail", declared that people have a moral responsibility to break laws in defense of the doctrine of nonviolent resistance to authority.
A) NO CHANGE
B) King himself in his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" declared
C) King, himself, in his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail", declared
D) King himself, in his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail", declared
11. The mayor, after 35 million dollars had been spent, concluded, ultimately that, the high-speed train had not in fact proven to be a cost-effective investment for the town.
A) NO CHANGE
B) ultimately that
C) ultimately, that,
D) ultimately, that
12. However, the man, who was fleeing the country, decided, that it would not be in his best interests to purchase a new Lamborghini.
A) NO CHANGE
B) However the man, who was fleeing the country, decided
C) However, the man, who was fleeing the country—decided
D) However, the man who was fleeing the country decided