**Grammar 5**

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**Directions:** In each pair, highlight the word group that is a complete sentence, not a run-on.

* 1. Obama was the first African American to be elected president of the United States, in fact, he received almost 53 percent of the popular vote in 2008.
  2. Obama was the first African American to be elected president of the United States; in fact, he received almost 53 percent of the popular vote in 2008.

2.

1. Obama's grandmother was not able to see her grandson win the presidency, she died one day before the election.
2. Obama's grandmother was not able to see her grandson win the presidency: She died one day before the election.

3.

1. Obama's father received a master's degree in economics from Harvard University he later became an economist in his native Kenya.
2. Obama's father received a master's degree in economics from Harvard University; he later became an economist in his native Kenya.

4.

1. Obama's mother was born in Kansas, but her family moved several times before settling in Hawaii.
2. Obama's mother was born in Kansas, her family moved several times before settling in Hawaii.

5.

1. In 1990, Obama became the first African American president of the Harvard Law Review; he graduated from Harvard Law School in 1991.
2. In 1990, Obama became the first African American president of the Harvard Law Review he graduated from Harvard Law School in 1991.

6.

1. Obama served in the Illinois state senate for eight years, he was elected to the US Senate at age forty-three.
2. After he had served in the Illinois state senate for eight years, Obama was elected to the US Senate at age forty-three.

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1. Obama first gained nationwide prominence in 2004, that's when he gave the keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention.
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1. Obama's vice president is Joe Biden he was first elected to the US Senate in 1972.
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9.

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1. In late 2008, the US economy threatened to collapse; as a result, Obama faced his first major political crisis before taking office.
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