Fixing Run-on Sentences

Directions: Fix the following run-on sentences. If the sentence is correct, then write the word correct on the line.

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5. Fred and Mark wanted to use their time constructively so they discussed various ideas.
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6. The lanterns swayed gently in the wind as it whistled through the trees.
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Answer Key (Samples)

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The children went to the park. Then they went to the mall to shop. The children finally stopped by the convenience store to buy junk food.

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