

Unit 1 SENTENCES

Lesson 9: Fragments and Run-ons (pp. 40–43)

Remember



A **fragment** is an incomplete sentence.

A run-on sentence is two sentences that run together. A run-on sentence with only a comma between the two sentences is called a comma splice.

Make each fragment a complete sentence by matching it to the correct subject or predicate.

- **1.** Rain, wind, and hailstones
- **d 2.** A very strange light
- **3.** A park ranger at the campsite
- **b 4.** The cover of our yearbook
- **_____ 5.** A car tire
- **9 6.** A beautiful rose garden
- **7.** The pickles on this sandwich

- **a.** asked us to put out our campfire.
- **b.** shows a picture of our school.
- **c.** taste really sour.
- **d.** appeared in the sky last night.
- e. rattled the windows of our house.
- **f.** went flat during our trip.
- g. surrounds the fountain in the park.

Correct each run-on sentence. Write two separate sentences or a compound sentence. Answers will vary. Sample answers are given.

8. I answered the phone somebody laughed and hung up.

When I answered the phone, somebody laughed and hung up.

I answered the phone. Somebody laughed and hung up

9. The helicopter landed on the field four men in uniforms stepped out.

The helicopter landed on the field, and four men in uniforms stepped out.

The helicopter landed on the field. Four men in uniforms stepped out.

10. The sailors knew about the storm they sailed out to sea anyway.

The sailors knew about the storm, but they sailed out to sea anyway.

The sailors knew about the storm. They sailed out to sea anyway.