

Run-On Sentences

A run-on sentence is a sentence with at least two independent clauses (complete thoughts) which are forced together instead of being properly connected.

To correct these sentences, you have several options:

- 1) Separate clauses using punctuation.
- 2) Separate clauses using a conjunction.
- 3) Rearrange the sentence (you may add or remove words).

Run-on sentence: *He put on some sunscreen, the sun was so extremely hot, and he wanted to go inside.*

“He put on some sunscreen” → 1st clause

“the sun was so extremely hot” → 2nd clause

“he wanted to go inside” → 3rd clause

Corrected sentence: *He put on some sunscreen because the sun was extremely hot. He wanted to go inside.*

In the corrected sentence, we separated the 1st and 2nd clauses using the conjunction “**because**”, and we removed the word “**so**”. We also separated the 2nd and 3rd clauses using a period.

Note: Just because a sentence is long does not necessarily mean it is a run-on. Some long sentences are grammatically correct, while some short sentences are run-ons.

Note: Simple, short sentences are the easiest to read and understand!

Directions: try to correct the following run-on sentences.

1. My mother and father and sister are coming to dinner tonight.

2. I like learning English it makes me tired.

3. My sister was taller than me when we were young now I am the tallest it is fun.

4. I love school, I love learning, my teacher is nice.

5. I don't want much for Christmas just some chocolates and a little toy car.

6. Blue is my favorite color it is the color of the sky and the sea and it reminds me of my favorite insect which is the butterfly.

7. When I get older I want to have a big family I like big families.

8. We usually leave at 11:00 but today is different we are leaving at 10:30.

9. I like Tuesdays and Wednesdays and I like Fridays because the weekend starts on Friday.

10. We should get moving there's no time to waste.
