

Run-on Sentence

* Run-on Sentence and Comma Splices are closely related Punctuation errors that are corrected in similar ways.

* A Run-on Sentence occurs when two or more independent clauses are joined without proper Punctuation or joining words.

* **Run on:** The music was loud my neighbour complained.
⇒ Here are three different ways to correct this run-on sentence.

- **Correction 1:** Separate the run-on into two sentences.
The music was loud. My neighbour complained.

- **Correction 2:** Join the independent clauses (Simple Sentence) with a Semi Colon.
The music was loud; my neighbour complained.

- **Correction 3:** Connect the independent clauses with a Comma and Coordinate Conjunction.
The music was loud, so my neighbour complained.

* **Comma Splice:** The music wasn't even that loud,
my neighbour complained.

- **Correction 1:** Connect run-on sentence with a semicolon and a conjunctive verb.

- The music wasn't even loud; however my neighbour complained.

- **Correction 2:** Add a subordinate conjunction to make one half of the sentence less important (from a complex sentence).

- Even though the music wasn't that loud, my neighbour complained.

examples:

1. The donkey brayed the dog barked.

a) The donkey brayed and barked. (X)

b) The donkey brayed whenever the dog barked.
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