Run-On Sentences Name_____ Date_____

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" à1st clause
"the sun was so extremely hot" à 2nd clause
"he wanted to go inside" à 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.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFMhbxAv-Hk

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

2. I love school, I love learning, my teacher is nice.
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3. I don't want much for Christmas just some chocolates and a little toy car.
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4. Blue is my favourite colour it is the colour of the sky and the sea and it reminds me of my favourite insect which is the butterfly.
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5. When I get older I want to have a big family I really really like big families.
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6. We usually leave at 11:00 but today is different we are leaving at 10:30 we need to get there early.
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