

Run-On Sentences

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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”* à 1st 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.

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

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.

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

6. We usually leave at 11:00 but today is different we are leaving at 10:30 we need to get there early.
