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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.

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2. I like learning English it makes me tired.

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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