

Run-on Sentences

Run-on sentences usually occur as comma splices or fused sentences. A fused sentence occurs when independent clauses are joined with no punctuation. A comma splice occurs when only a comma joins two independent clauses.

An independent clause is a sentence. It can stand alone and make sense.

Correct the following run-on sentences by either:

1. Dividing them into two complete sentences. Add a period to the end of the first sentence, and capitalize the first letter in the second sentence.
2. By using an appropriate coordinating conjunction and a comma. Coordinating conjunctions are: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so (FANBOYS).
3. Using a semicolon. Semicolons may be used to join independent clauses not joined by coordinating conjunctions.

Example:

She wanted to go to the movie she called to find out what time the show started.

Correction (Option 1):

She wanted to go to the movie. She called to find out what time the show started.

Correction (Option 2):

She wanted to go to the movie, so she called to find out what time the show started.

Correction (Option 3):

She wanted to go to the movie; she called to find out what time the show started.

1. The red car is in the parking lot I don't know where the van and the motorcycle are.
2. He wanted to meet the group at the restaurant he called to find out what time to arrive.
3. You finished your work early you don't have to stay.
4. They were in a desperate situation they didn't know what to do.
5. She wanted to leave right after the ceremony too many people were around.
6. There was complete silence around me I still couldn't fall asleep.
7. She wanted to know her final grade she was the first one waiting for the grades to be posted.
8. The cat finally fell asleep the mouse ran through the room.