

Writing Sentences → Fragments & Run-ons

Level: Elementary School

To write sentences correctly, you must know the difference between a sentence fragment and a run-on sentence.

- A **sentence fragment** fails to be a sentence because it can't stand on its own. It doesn't have an independent clause. It's incomplete. (ex: *Since she came here.*)
- A **run-on sentence** is an ungrammatical sentence where two or more independent clauses are joined without a conjunction. (ex: *Randy is a sweet boy he really loves animals.*)

Tell whether each sentence is a sentence fragment, or a run on sentence:

1. _____ They went to the store she bought a bike.
2. _____ The man with the large briefcase.
3. _____ In the afternoon before the meeting.
4. _____ The sun is high put on some sunblock.
5. _____ I don't understand this homework it doesn't make sense to me.
6. _____ During the day we went.
7. _____ We went to the carnival, the rides were extremely scary.
8. _____ The girl with the purple dress.
9. _____ My teacher, so kind and fair.
10. _____ We were dancing to the music I hurt my ankle.

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