

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. Example: Since she came here.*
- *A run-on sentence is an ungrammatical sentence where two or more independent clauses are joined without a conjunction. Example: Randy is a sweet boy he really loves animals.*

In the blank beside each sentence below, write "fragment" if the sentence is incomplete or "run-on" if two independent clauses are joined without a conjunction.

1. They went to the store Meredith 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. Ran down to the store in the middle of the day to see what was happening.

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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1. run-on
2. fragment
3. fragment
4. run-on
5. run-on
6. fragment
7. run-on
8. fragment
9. fragment
10. run-on