

Writing Sentences: Fragments & Run-ons

Level: High 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. This is also called a fused sentence. Example: Randy is a sweet boy he really loves animals.*

Decide whether each sentence is a sentence fragment, run-on sentence, or complete sentence, and circle the letter beside the correct answer.

1. **My grandpa never graduated from high school he started his own business at the age of fifteen.**
 - a. fragment
 - b. run-on
 - c. complete sentence
2. **The water continued to flow.**
 - a. fragment
 - b. run-on
 - c. complete sentence
3. **In the front of the house on the floor beside the table.**
 - a. fragment
 - b. run-on
 - c. complete sentence

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4. John cried.
 - a. fragment
 - b. run-on
 - c. complete sentence

5. The day was marvelous we went to the beach.
 - a. fragment
 - b. run-on
 - c. complete sentence

6. Poured milk all over his cereal.
 - a. fragment
 - b. run-on
 - c. complete sentence

7. Because he wasn't hungry.
 - a. fragment
 - b. run-on
 - c. complete sentence

8. While I was in the kitchen doing the dishes, Joshua came in the back door and tracked mud all over the house.
 - a. fragment
 - b. run-on
 - c. complete sentence

9. Rebekah drove a race car she won three races.
 - a. fragment
 - b. run-on
 - c. complete sentence

10. However, Caleb won six races.
 - a. fragment
 - b. run-on
 - c. complete sentence

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1. b
2. c
3. a
4. c
5. b
6. a
7. a
8. c
9. b
10. c