

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. (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.) This also called a **fused sentence**.

Tell whether each sentence is a sentence fragment, or a run on sentence. After identifying the type of sentence it is, rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. _____ My grandpa never graduated from high school started his own business at the age of fifteen.

2. _____ Water continued to flow.

3. _____ People make their way across.

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4. _____ The river extended beyond the mountain we saw the clouds merge with the water on the horizon.

5. _____ The day we had was marvelous we went to the beach and surfed all day.

6. _____ I have a new computer makes me mad.
