

Writing Sentences → Fragments & Run-ons

Level: Middle 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, a run-on sentence, or a complete sentence.

1. _____ They went to the doctor's office she was sick.
2. _____ The girl with the pretty freckles.
3. _____ In the morning before breakfast.
4. _____ The sun is very high today, so put on some sunblock.
5. _____ I don't understand this math problem it makes no sense.
6. _____ During the play I went.
7. _____ We went to the fair and found the rides extremely scary.
8. _____ The boy and the green bike.
9. _____ My mom, so pretty and nice.
10. _____ We flip a coin I always win.

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