

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. 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, “*run-on*” if two independent clauses are joined without a conjunction, or “*complete*” if it is a complete sentence.

1. They went to the doctor's office Roger 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. To see the actors and actresses during the play. _____
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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1. run-on
2. fragment
3. fragment
4. complete
5. run-on
6. fragment
7. complete
8. fragment
9. fragment
10. run-on