

Exercise: Fix the Run-Ons and Fragments!

Instructions: Read each sentence or group of sentences below. Decide if it is a run-on sentence or a sentence fragment. Then, rewrite the sentence correctly using one of the methods described:

- For run-on sentences: Separate into two sentences, use a semicolon, add a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so), or add a subordinating conjunction.
- For sentence fragments: Add the missing subject, verb, or complete the thought.

1. I went to the market I bought some fresh fruit.

2. Running through the playground.

3. He loves to read he has many books.

4. After the rain stopped.

5. The movie was exciting I could not stop watching it.

6. Because she was tired.

7. We studied hard for the exam we wanted to get good grades.

8. The tall tree that stood in front of my house.

9. She cooked dinner, she set the table.

10. While waiting for the bus.

Mark Scheme

1. I went to the market I bought some fresh fruit.

✓ Run-on → Corrected:

- I went to the market, and I bought some fresh fruit.
- OR: I went to the market; I bought some fresh fruit.

2. Running through the playground.

✓ Fragment → Corrected:

- The children were running through the playground.
- OR: Running through the playground made me tired.

3. He loves to read he has many books.

✓ Run-on → Corrected:

- He loves to read, and he has many books.
- OR: He loves to read; he has many books.

4. After the rain stopped.

✓ Fragment → Corrected:

- After the rain stopped, we went outside to play.

5. The movie was exciting I could not stop watching it.

✓ Run-on → Corrected:

- The movie was exciting, so I could not stop watching it.
- OR: The movie was exciting; I could not stop watching it.

6. Because she was tired.

✓ Fragment → Corrected:

- She went to bed early because she was tired.

7. We studied hard for the exam we wanted to get good grades.

✓ Run-on → Corrected:

- We studied hard for the exam because we wanted to get good grades.
- OR: We studied hard for the exam; we wanted to get good grades.

8. The tall tree that stood in front of my house.

✓ Fragment → Corrected:

- The tall tree that stood in front of my house was cut down.
- OR: I loved the tall tree that stood in front of my house.

9. She cooked dinner, she set the table.

✓ Run-on → Corrected:

- She cooked dinner, and she set the table.
- OR: She cooked dinner; she set the table.

10. While waiting for the bus.

✓ Fragment → Corrected:

- While waiting for the bus, I read a book.
- OR: She got cold while waiting for the bus.