

## 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.

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

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2. Running through the playground.

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3. He loves to read he has many books.

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4. After the rain stopped.

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

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6. Because she was tired.

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

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

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9. She cooked dinner, she set the table.

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10. While waiting for the bus.

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## 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.