

Sentences and Run-on Sentences

Sentences

A sentence consists of 3 things:

1	subject	the person, place, or thing doing the action
2	verb	the action
3	complete idea	the reader isn't left waiting for another word

I hit the ball.

I am a grade 4 student.

I like to eat vegetables.

Run-on sentences

A run-on sentence has two or more complete sentences or ideas incorrectly combined

Examples:

Johnny takes the bus to school Sara likes to walk

There were many students waiting in line some had been there for two hours.

I like to eat raw carrots they are crunchy and sweet I like dip too.

How to fix a run-on sentences

There are four common ways to fix a run-on. Each method is explained below.

Method #1 Make two separate sentences

INCORRECT	Johnny loved traveling in Canada he felt Vancouver was too rainy.
CORRECT	Johnny loved traveling in Canada. He felt Vancouver was too rainy.

Method #2 Use a comma and one of the following connecting words:

and or but because

INCORRECT	Johnny loved traveling in Canada he felt Vancouver was too rainy.
CORRECT	Johnny loved traveling in Canada, but he felt Vancouver was too rainy.

Method #3 Use a semicolon to separate the two independent clauses.

INCORRECT	Johnny loved traveling in Canada he felt Vancouver was too rainy.
CORRECT	Johnny loved traveling in Canada; he felt Vancouver was too rainy.

Method #4 Use a semicolon and one of the following words:

therefore, thus, however, consequently, furthermore, also, nevertheless

INCORRECT	Johnny loved traveling in Canada he felt Vancouver was too rainy.
CORRECT	Johnny loved traveling in Canada; however, he felt Vancouver was too rainy.