**Run-On Sentences**

**1. Definition:**

A run-on sentence occurs when two or more [independent clauses](https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/writingcenter/grammar/sentencestructure#s-lg-box-9131419) (also known as complete sentences) are combined without using proper punctuation or conjunctions.

**Examples:**

1. I am exhausted I cannot study anymore.

I am exhausted; I cannot study anymore.

1. Let us go to the cinema I want to see the new movie.

Let us go to the cinema. I want to see the new movie.

1. My friend took me out for dinner we ate sushi.

My friend took me out for dinner, and we ate sushi.

**2. Types of run-on sentences:**

There are two types: fused sentences and comma splices.

**1- A fused sentence** happens when independent clauses are combined **without any punctuation or conjunctions** to separate them.

E.g.: My teacher marked my paper she said it was great.

**2- A comma splice** happens when two independent clauses are **incorrectly joined with a comma**

E.g.: mom went shopping, she need to get coffee and milk.

He needs us in the conference room the meeting is in an hour. (Fused sentence)

He needs us in the conference room**,** the meeting is in an hour. (Comma splice)

**3. Ways to fix run-on sentences:**

1. **Make separate sentences:**

He needs us in the conference room. The meeting is in an hour.

1. **Add a coordinating conjunction:**

He needs us in the conference room, and the meeting is in an hour.

1. **Add a semicolon if the sentences are closely related:**

He needs us in the conference room; the meeting is in an hour.

1. **Add a subordinating conjunction**

He needs us in the conference room because the meeting is in an hour.

**Practice on Run-on Sentences**

**Exercise 1:** Identify if the sentences are run-on. If a sentence is run-on, identify if it is a comma splice or a fused sentence. Also, correct the error by joining the two sentences appropriately.

1. Beware of an overly attractive offer it may just be a bait to catch you**.**

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1. Recently, I attended a conference, I met Vice President of the company there. **…………………………………………………………………**
2. Necessity forces poor to take up unpleasant tasks, sometimes in violation of law. ………………………………………………………………………..
3. Opposition parties are opposing the government even on the issue of national security, where we must stand united, a house divided cannot **stand.**

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1. If you fail, the problem lies with you, don’t blame the test paper**.**

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**Exercise 2:**

1. A storm ravaged several districts of the state on Tuesday night, it destroyed thousands of huts and standing crops.

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1. Ask about your neighbors, then buy the house.

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1. I dozed off and fell ten feet to the ground, I landed on my back.

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1. Bypassing competent professionals in his Company, the businessman appointed his less-experienced son to a senior position, after all blood is thicker than water.

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1. If you utilize the peace time to get better at war, your adversaries will hesitate in waging a war on you, and hence the time of peace will stretch.

**Exercise 3:**

1. But that is not the full story, within weeks of this feat, another runner, an Australian named John Landy, broke the four-minute barrier.

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1. The path to develop human colony on Mars is challenging, but people have already started work on it, hopefully things will move forward.

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1. Nothing changed in those three years what changed was self-belief among athletes.

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1. I went to the pharmacy to get Covid testing kit, they told me that the kit was out of stock.

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1. Plan, but act.