

Run -On Sentences

Run - on sentences occur in three ways:

1. Two independent (complete sentences) are joined together.

EX. The student wrote an essay he wrote it well.

2. Two independent sentences are joined with only a comma (called a “comma splice”).

EX. The student wrote an essay, he wrote it well.

3. Two independent sentences are joined with only a coordinating conjunction.

EX. The student wrote an essay and he wrote it well.

Correcting a run-on sentence:

To correct a run-on sentence either add a comma AND a coordinating conjunction or add a semicolon (use a semicolon only when the two sentences have ideas that are very closely connected).

The student wrote an essay, and he wrote it well. (comma and conjunction)

OR

The student wrote an essay; he wrote it well. (semicolon)

NOTE: Coordinating conjunctions

For

And

Nor

But

Or

Yet

So