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**Foolish Fragments and Ridiculous Run-Ons**

**What is a complete sentence?**

A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is made up of one or more words that express a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with punctuation.

Good writers write with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**What does a complete sentence need?**

A sentence must have FOUR things:

1. It must begin with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. It must end with punctuation—either a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

or a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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2. It must be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Sentence Fragments**

In order to make sure you do not have a sentence fragment, you should always look for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of your sentence (the subject and the verb!). If one is missing, you have a sentence fragment.

**Examples**

Incorrect: Went to the store to buy brownie mix. (no subject)

Correct: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ went to the store to buy brownie mix. (subject added)

Incorrect: Brownie mix at the store expensive. (no verb)

Correct: Brownie mix at the store \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expensive. (verb added)

**Run-On Sentences**

A run on sentence is one that rambles. It combines \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into one without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

There are two ways to correct a run-on sentence:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into two complete sentences
* Use a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a coordinating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Examples**

Incorrect: The grocery store was really packed today there must have been a big sale today.

Correct: The grocery store was really packed today. There must have been a big sale today.

^ For this correction, I simple broke the run-on sentence into two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sentences.

**The second way to correct a run-on sentence is by using a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ followed by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conjunction.**

Coordinating conjunctions: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

To remember coordinating conjunctions, just remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(**F**or, **A**nd, **N**or, **B**ut, **O**r, **Y**et, **S**o)

**Examples**

Run-On: The grocery store was really packed with people there must have been a big sale.

Correction: The grocery store was really packed today**, so** there must have been a big sale.

Run-On: I really wanted to go to the fair but I had a lot of homework.

Correction: I really wanted to go to the fair**, but** I had a lot of homework.