



Correcting Fragments and Run-ons

What is a Fragment?

A fragment is an incomplete sentence. The **SUBJECT** (noun) or the **PREDICATE** (verb) might be MISSING.

To CORRECT this kind of fragment, **ADD** a **subject** or **predicate**.



Example 1:

Bought a children's book.

This is a *fragment*

We have a predicate (bought), but we are missing a subject.

Correction: My mom bought a children's book.

A subject was added: **My mom**

Example 2:

The book.

This is a *fragment*

We are missing a predicate, but we are missing a subject.

Correction: The book is for my cousin.

A predicate was added: *is for my cousin*

Run- On sentences

A run- on sentence is two complete sentences that run together.

How can I correct a run-on sentence?

1. I can make two separate sentences.
2. I can make a compound sentence.



Example 1:

She likes to draw she wants to be an artist.

This is a *run-on!*

Correction: She likes to draw. She wants to be an artist.

We corrected the run-on by writing two separate sentences.

Correction: She likes to draw, **and** she wants to be an artist.

We corrected the run-on by making a compound sentence.

Let's give it a try!

Example:

The young artist.

Is this a sentence, fragment or run-on?



If you thought fragment, you are right!!!!

The young artist. This is fragment because we have a subject, but no predicate!

Correction:

The young artist sold her first painting when she was 10.



Let's give it another try!

Example:

He loved to draw pictures he loved baseball.

Is this a sentence, fragment or run-on?



If you thought run-on, you are right!!!!

He loved to draw pictures he loved baseball. This is a run on because there are two complete sentences running together!

Correction:

He loved to draw pictures. He loved baseball.

He loved to draw pictures, and loved baseball.



Keep in mind...

Fragments are **missing** something: a subject or a predicate!

Run-ons are two complete sentences that run together. Our job is:

1. make two separate sentences
2. create a compound sentence!