

RUN-ON SENTENCES



SENTENCE ERRORS

TYPES of RUN-ONs



1. **FUSED**
2. **RUN ON & ON & ON**

FUSED SENTENCES



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(1) FUSED SENTENCES



- ❧ This type of Run-On has 2 INDEPENDENT CLAUSES fused *without proper punctuation*
 - ❧ think, fused vertebrae
 - ❧ think, rear-end car collision

- ❧ *The popular country singer had emergency surgery he cancelled the show at the state fair.*
 - ❧ 2 complete thoughts smashed into each other without any punctuation to separate them

(1) FUSED SENTENCES



*SO, HOW DO I FIX IT?!

∞ (a) simply supply the proper punctuation:

∞ *The popular country singer had emergency surgery; he cancelled the show at the state fair.*

∞ (semicolon used to join 2 independent clauses)

∞ *The popular country singer had emergency surgery, so he cancelled the show at the state fair.*

∞ (comma + coordinating conjunction – “coordination”)

* Adding a comma only creates a Comma Splice error.

(1) FUSED SENTENCES



*SO, HOW DO I FIX IT?!

∞ (b) transform one of the sentences into a Dependent Clause via “subordination”:

∞ *Because the popular country singer had emergency surgery, he cancelled the show at the state fair.*

* Use SUBORDINATION *to show relationships between ideas:* such as **cause/effect**, in our example.

(1) FUSED SENTENCES



*SO, HOW DO I FIX IT?!

❧ (c) rewrite the whole mess:

❧ *The popular country singer cancelled the show at the state fair because he had emergency surgery.*

❧ *major clause + minor/subordinate clause*



RUN ON & ON & ON



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2) RUN ON & ON & ON



⌘ This type of Run-On has **3 or more** independent clauses joined together.

⌘ **BUT no more than 2 independent clauses can form a single sentence.**

⌘ *I went to the video store and I selected three movies and I looked at the video games, too.*

2) RUN ON & ON & ON



*SO, HOW DO I FIX IT?!

œ (a) simply keep 2 IC together and punctuate the third as its own sentence.

œ If 2 = good BUT 3 or more = bad, then simply get rid of the extra.

œ *I went to the video store, and I selected three movies. I looked at the video games, too.*

2) RUN ON & ON & ON



*SO, HOW DO I FIX IT?!

∞ (b) transform one of the IC into a DC through subordination.

∞ *When I went to the video store, I selected three movies, and I looked at the video games, too.*

* Use SUBORDINATION *to show relationships between ideas*: such as **time sequence**, in our example.

2) RUN ON & ON & ON



*SO, HOW DO I FIX IT?!

❧ (c) rewrite the whole mess, combining ideas.

❧ *When I went to the video store, I selected three movies and looked at the video games.*

❧ Introductory subordinate clause + a single independent clause consisting of a compound predicate



EXERCISES



RUN-ONS

EXERCISES



- ❧ ****Determine which book we're using this semester:**
- ❧ **LBE**
- ❧ **LBH**
- ❧ **LSH**
- ❧ **Other**

LBE EXERCISES

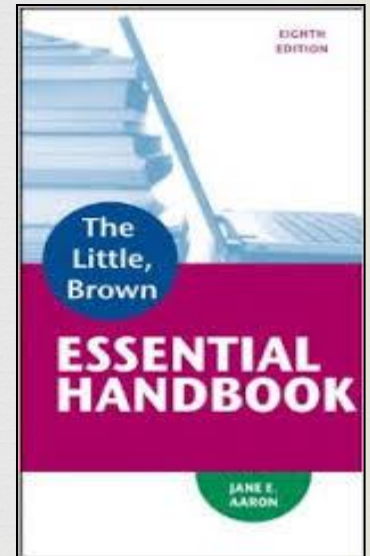


❧ Fragments:

❧ Ch. 35 (35.1-2)

❧ Comma Splices & Run-Ons (Fused Sent.):

❧ Ch. 36 (36.1-2)



LSH EXERCISES



∞ Fragments:

∞ Exercises #1-2

∞ (10q. Each)

∞ Comma Splices & Fused Sentences:

∞ Exercise #1-3

∞ (10q., 5q., 5q.)

