

## Run-On Sentences

A RUN-ON SENTENCE is two or more complete sentences written without proper punctuation between them.

### Run-Ons:

**Soccer is exhausting work, you have to be in great shape to be a soccer player.**

**It looks easy it's really hard.**

**It's beautiful, though, soccer is my favorite sport.**

### RUN-ONS can be corrected in three ways;

1. If the two sentences are closely related, they can be separated by a semi-colon.

**Correct: Soccer is exhausting work; you have to be in great shape to be a soccer player.**

2. Closely related sentences can also be separated with a comma and a conjunction.

**Correct: It looks easy, but it's really hard.**

3. Sentences that are not as closely related can be separated with a period.

**Correct: It's beautiful, though. Soccer is my favorite sport.**

**Directions:** On a separate piece of paper, correct the following run-on sentences. If a sentence is not a run-on, then state that the sentence is OK.

1. Studying leaves is fascinating there are so many different kinds.
2. Leaves come in different shades of green no two kinds seem to be the same.
3. Leaves that grow in low light are usually dark green leaves that grow in bright light are lighter green.
4. A leaf's shape is important experts can tell a lot about a tree from the shape of its leaves.
5. Leaves from rain forest plants often have drip tips these are pointed tips that help water fall off the leaf.
6. Some leaves have complicated shapes these shapes allow the wind to blow the leaf without tearing it.
7. Desert plants' leaves often have a waxy coating this helps them to conserve water.
8. Hormones and the amount of daylight a plant receives can affect plant growth.

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