Sentence errors such as run-on sentences and sentence fragments can make writing difficult to understand. A run-on sentence is two or more complete sentences that are not properly joined or separated. This sentence error can be corrected by breaking the sentence into two, or by adding punctuation or words to clarify the meaning of a single sentence.

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| The pilot landed the plane in Chicago it had been a bumpy flight.     | **Separate sentences:** The pilot landed the plane in Chicago. It had been a bumpy flight. **or**  
**Add comma and coordinating conjunction:** The pilot landed the plane in Chicago, but it had been a bumpy flight. **or**  
**Use a semicolon:** The pilot landed the plane in Chicago; it had been a bumpy flight. |

A sentence fragment is a group of words that does not express a complete thought. You can fix a fragment by either adding it to a nearby sentence or adding more information to complete the idea.

Fragment: When I finished my homework.  
Corrected: It was nine o’clock when I finished my homework.

Identify each of the following as a complete sentence, a run-on, or a fragment.

1. _____________ As I gazed at the tree.
2. _____________ In the afternoon, we had a picnic.
3. _____________ Have you seen my new costume it looks terrific?
4. _____________ After graduation, Paul is joining the army.
5. _____________ Which opened last week on Broadway.
6. _____________ Kevin is the best football player on the team.
7. _____________ Rain forests thrive in tropical weather not all rain forests are in the Tropics.
Grammar: Revising Run-on Sentences and Sentence Fragments

A Correct each of the run-ons in the following sentences.

Example: We began to shovel the snow, it was very deep.
We began to shovel the snow. It was very deep.

1. We expected the senator to arrive tonight, she has just returned from Africa.

2. Here is the package you ordered, it was delivered this morning.

3. Karen writes music, she is a fine pianist.

4. The storm flooded major highways, motorists were warned to stay at home.

5. A trip to the state park seemed like a good idea, everyone agreed to go next Sunday.

B Use each of the following fragments in a sentence.

1. when the delivery man rang the bell

2. on top of the hill

3. a policeman standing on the corner

4. since my last visit to Los Angeles

5. between you and me