

**Topic:** Run-on Sentences

**Definition:** A run-on sentence is two or more complete sentences joined without correct words and punctuation.

**Explanation:** Two sentences may be joined into a compound sentence in one of the three following ways:

- a semicolon: ;
  - a comma and a conjunction: , *and / but / or*
  - a semicolon and an adverbial connective: ; *nevertheless / otherwise / therefore / consequently / however / furthermore / moreover.*
    - The adverbial connective is followed by a comma.
  - Two sentences may also remain separated as two individual sentences.
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### Examples

- Incorrect: Mary enjoyed her spring break however she had studying to do.
- Correct: Mary enjoyed her spring break; she had studying to do.  
Mary enjoyed her spring break, but she had studying to do.  
Mary enjoyed her spring break; however, she had studying to do.