- A run-on sentence combines two or more independent clauses incorrectly.
- Fix a run-on sentence by writing separate sentences or combining the sentences correctly.

Correct each run-on sentence by separating it into two sentences.

- 1. We have a new car it is bright red.
- 2. I must hurry up the store will close shortly.
- **3.** The dog ran to meet its owner it was happy to see him.
- **4.** The baby looked up at the sky the sun was shining.
- **5.** Snowflakes come in different sizes I like big snowflakes best.
- 6. She was nervous when she got on stage there were so many people!

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- 1. It may be missing a coordinating conjunction and comma.
- 2. It may include a comma, but it does not include a coordinating conjunction or connecting word.
- **3.** It may include a comma and coordinating conjunction, but it has too many independent clauses.

Read each sentence. Write C if the sentence is written correctly. If it is a run-on sentence, write the number from above that correctly describes the sentence.

- 1. We tried to catch the mouse, it got away.
- 2. The student was shy and did not make friends quickly. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. The joke was funny everyone laughed at it. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. You should bring an umbrella because it is raining outside. \_\_\_\_\_
- **5.** My parents like to exercise, they go hiking with me a lot. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. I have a game, and my family plays it with me, and it is fun. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. There is a rainbow over the field it is beautiful to see. \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 8. My friend called, but it is late, but we talk on the phone. \_\_\_\_\_
- **9.** Do you know where I can find a taxi in this neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. I did not like the sushi, I did not eat it.

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- A sentence has a subject and a predicate. A fragment is a group of words that is missing a subject, a predicate, or both. Finish the thought.
- To correct a run-on sentence, rewrite it as separate sentences or combine the sentences correctly.

Rewrite the sentence correctly on the line provided. If no change is needed, write No change needed on the line.

- 1. Likes to eat oatmeal and waffles for dinner sometimes.
- 2. I am happy about it.
- **3.** They carried the bags, I held the door for them.
- **4.** My little sister practices hard.
- **5.** To school in the morning when the sun comes up.
- **6.** Dad was driving the car I fell asleep in the back seat.

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- A fragment is a group of words that is missing a subject, a predicate, or both. To correct a fragment, complete the thought.

## Rewrite the paragraphs below, correcting any run-on sentences or fragments.

1.	Venus is a planet in our solar system. It is about the same size as Earth, it is much hotter than Earth. Is closer to the sun. Venus is too hot for people to live on it. There are many volcanoes there are also many mountains.					
2.	I live in Florida, my Aunt Ana lives in Puerto Rico. I only see her a few times every year. Sometimes she visits me sometimes I visit her. Like going to Puerto Rico. It is warm, and it is sunny, and the markets have delicious foods. My favorite thing to do with Aunt Ana.					

## A. Circle the letter of the run-on sentence.

- **1. a.** They bought apples, grapes, and cherries.
  - **b.** We followed the path, we still got lost.
  - **c.** You have to fix your bed and wash the dishes.
- **2. a.** The stars glittered in the sky they were far away.
  - **b.** The ground was soft in one spot, so we did not step there.
  - **c.** The eagle soared high above the trees and mountains.
- **3. a.** Ants work together to gather food and build a home.
  - **b.** My brother likes to sleep late on Saturdays, he is very lazy.
  - **c.** We will visit national parks, museums, and landmarks on vacation.

## B. Read each sentence. Write R if it is a run-on sentence. Write C if the sentence is written correctly.

- 4. I went to school, and I took a test, and the teacher said I did well. \_\_\_\_\_\_
- **5.** The roof of the house has a hole in it, rain will come into the house. \_\_\_\_\_
- **6.** The horse has a crack in its hoof and cannot walk very well. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. There are pencils in this tin can and pens in that one. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. The shop was filled with items I was careful not to break anything. \_\_\_\_\_\_