

Complete Sentences

A Project LA Activity

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Fragments

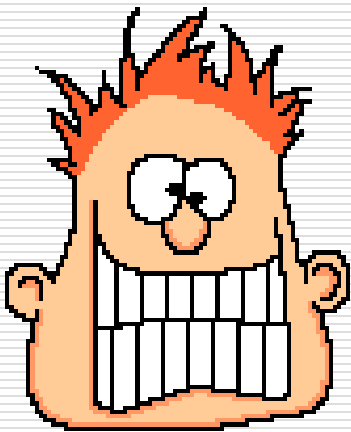
Run-On Sentences

Compound Sentences



Complete Sentences

- A complete sentence has a subject and a predicate that work together to make a complete thought.



Bobby smiled until he thought his face would crack.

Sentence Fragments

- A **SENTENCE FRAGMENT** fails to be a sentence in the sense that it cannot stand by itself.



Sentence Fragments

- may locate something in time and place, but lack a subject-verb relationship.

Last Saturday after the ballgame at the ice cream shop.



Sentence Fragments

- may describe something, but have no subject-verb relationship.



Shooting just before the buzzer rang and hoping to score the winning point.

Sentence Fragments

- may have most of the makings of a sentence but still be missing an important part of a verb string.

Some of the girls going together to the mall.



Sentence Fragments

- may have a subject-verb relationship, but cannot stand by itself.

Even though she was the prettiest girl and had a great talent presentation.



Run-On Sentences



□ A **RUN-ON SENTENCE**

(sometimes called a fused sentence) has at least two parts, either one of which can stand by itself, but the two parts have been connected together with one or two words instead of becoming two sentences. The run-on could be corrected with a semi-colon.

Run-On Sentences



- **Remember:** The length of a sentence really has nothing to do with whether a sentence is a run-on or not; even a very short sentence could be a run-on.

The books are heavy don't carry them.

The books are heavy. Don't carry them.

Run-On Sentences

- When two clauses are connected by *only* a comma, they are a run-on sentence that is called a **comma-splice**.

The books are heavy,
don't carry them.



Run-On Sentences happen

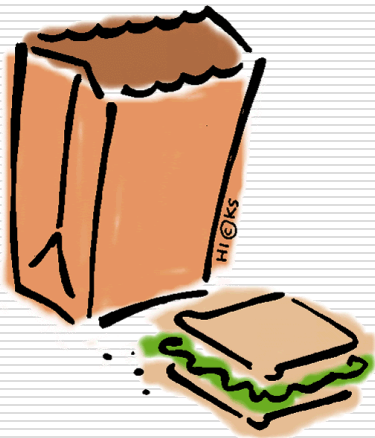
- when an independent clause gives an order or directive based on what was said in the prior independent clause.

The game is going to be very close you have to play your best.



Run-On Sentences happen

- when two clauses are connected by words such as *however*, *moreover*, *nevertheless*.



Mother packed my lunch today however she forgot to put in my desert.