

Enriching Exercises: **Writing Study:** Run-On Sentences



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Run-On Sentences

A run-on sentence is two complete sentences that run together.

Example:

I don't like tall buildings they scare me.

We can fix a run-on sentence by separating the clauses with a semicolon, or a period, or by adding a conjunction.

Example:

- I don't like tall buildings; they scare me.**
- I don't like tall buildings because they scare me.**



Semicolon

;

Conjunction

and

or

but

because

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Write S (sentence) or R (run-on sentence).

- 1 The enormous glass and steel skyscraper moves slightly when the wind is very strong. S
- 2 Lighthouses are extremely important they protect sailors and their ships. R
- 3 It's going to be a hot day put on some sunscreen so you won't get a sunburn. R

Correct the run-on sentences. Rewrite as two sentences, use a semicolon, or add a conjunction (*and*, *but*, *because*).

1 There is a new building in the town it is a green building.

2 Many new buildings are made with solar power they help the environment.

3 The skyscraper has a rainwater collection tank on the roof this helps the building use less water.

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4 I want to be an architect I would like to design interesting buildings.

Answers of Previous Exercises:

Fill in the chart with phrasal verbs.

	Present	Past
1	catch up	caught up
2	fall off	fell off
3	put down	put down
4	pick up	picked up
5	lie down	lay down
6	go on	went on
7	go back	went back
8	stand up	stood up
9	go up	went up

Label the pictures with past tense words from the box above.

1



caught up

2



fell off

3



put down

4



picked up

5



lay down

6



stood up

7



went on

8



went back

9



went up

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