

Run-On or Fragment?

Grammar and Usage

Instructions:

First, read each sentence on the activity sheet and decide whether it is a fragment or a run-on sentence. Circle the letter F if it is a fragment and the letter R if it is a run-on sentence. Then rewrite the sentence correctly on the lines below.

Helpful Hint:

- A **run-on sentence** is really two sentences (or two complete ideas) incorrectly combined into one. If two ideas are put together without any periods, commas, semicolons, or connecting words, it creates a run-on sentence.

Examples:

Jamie's favorite color is green mine is red.

I love to write stories I could write one every day if I had time.

To fix run-on sentences, add the correct words and punctuation to connect the two ideas or rewrite them as two different sentences:

Jamie's favorite color is green, but mine is red.

I love to write stories. I could write one every day if I had time.

- A **fragment** is a sentence that is missing a subject or a predicate. It is not a complete sentence.

Examples:

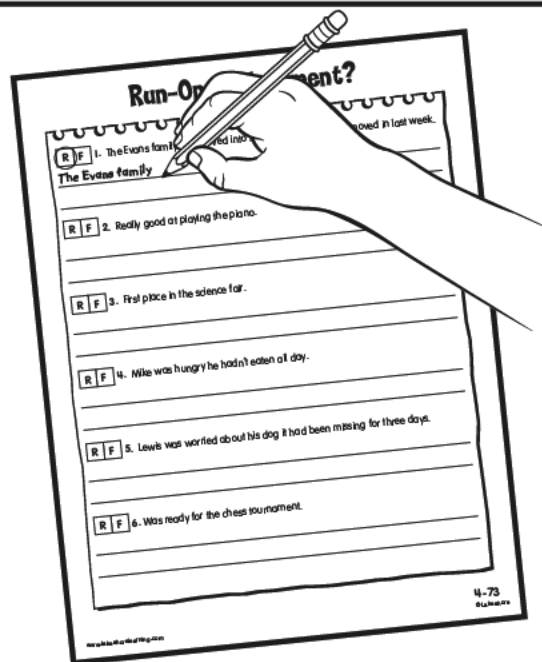
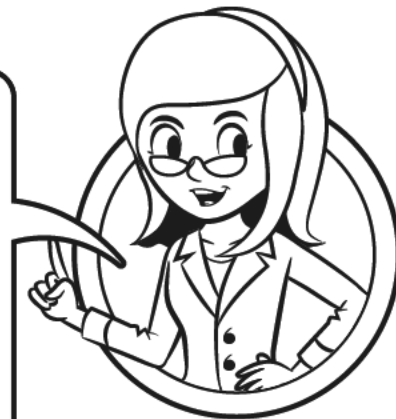
Missing subject: Ran fast.

Missing predicate: Some of the students in my class.

To fix fragments, add details to make the sentence complete:

Add a subject: The racers ran fast.

Add a predicate: Some of the students in my class **were absent yesterday.**



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R F 1. The Evans family just moved into the neighborhood they moved in last week.

R F 2. Really good at playing the piano.

R F 3. First place in the science fair.

R F 4. Mike was hungry he hadn't eaten all day.

R F 5. Lewis was worried about his dog it had been missing for three days.

R F 6. Was ready for the chess tournament.

Answer Key

Answers will vary. See below for possible answers.

- R** **F** 1. The Evans family just moved into the neighborhood they moved in last week.

The Evans family just moved into the neighborhood. They moved in last week.

- R** **F** 2. Really good at playing the piano.

Parker is really good at playing the piano.

- R** **F** 3. First place in the science fair.

Sue's project won first place in the science fair.

- R** **F** 4. Mike was hungry he hadn't eaten all day.

Mike was hungry because he hadn't eaten all day.

- R** **F** 5. Lewis was worried about his dog it had been missing for three days.

Lewis was worried about his dog. It had been missing for three days.

- R** **F** 6. Was ready for the chess tournament.

Liz was ready for the chess tournament.