

Conjunctions: The Cure for Your Run-ons

Run-on sentences are sentences that have two or more ideas that are smashed together without a conjunction. It's like pushing a car and a trailer together but not hooking them up.

Run-On:

My brother made a gallon of slime he didn't share any with me.



Fixed:

My brother made a gallon of slime, but he didn't share any with me.



Directions: Use the lists of conjunctions below to fix the run-on sentences.

1. I beat the video game my brother beat it a few weeks later.

I beat the video game, and my brother beat it a few weeks later.

2. I went to the gas station and got a ton of candy my mom got angry.

My mom got angry after I went to the gas station and got a ton of candy.

3. My brother takes the longest showers he comes home from practice dripping with sweat.

My brother takes the longest showers when he comes home from practice dripping with sweat.

4. My sister won the skateboard competition she practiced for weeks.

My sister won the skateboard competition because she practiced for weeks.

5. The movie is showing at 7:00 it is showing at 9:30, too.

The movie is showing at both 7:00 and at 9:30.

Subordinating Conjunctions

after	even though	wherever
although	how	while
as	if	
as if	inasmuch as	
as long as	in order that	
as much as	till	
as soon as	unless	
as though	until	
because	when	
before	whenever	
even if	where	

Coordinating Conjunctions

• for • and • nor • but • or • yet • so

Correlative Conjunctions

both ... and ...

neither ... nor ...

early ... or ...

not only ... but also ...