

Correcting Incomplete Sentences + Run-Ons

Part 1: Incomplete Sentences

A **complete sentence** has a **subject** (the person, place, or thing that the sentence is about) and a **predicate** (what the subject does or is). The subject is a noun and the predicate is a phrase that contains a verb.

EXAMPLE: Mr. Morton walked down the street.
 subject verb predicate

Directions: Identify the subject and predicate in each sentence. Circle the subject and underline the predicate.

1. Nico ran all the way home.
2. Jake played basketball with Kim.
3. Yesterday, a bird flew into our house.
4. I hope I can go to Disneyland.
5. Patricia was sad.



An **incomplete sentence** is missing a subject or predicate.

EXAMPLE: Walked down the street.

Directions: Fix the incomplete sentences by adding a subject or predicate.

EXAMPLE: Walked down the street.

He walked down the street.

1. Tastes yummy!

This soup tastes yummy!

2. Harold and his brother

Harold and his brother both wear glasses.

3. Made a funny face.

The cute puppy made a funny face.

4. Runs all over town.

The race runs all over town.

5. The city of San Francisco.

The city of San Francisco holds a special place in my heart.

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Part 2: Run-Ons

Run-on sentences are sentences that are missing punctuation. Sometimes run-on sentences are called 'fused sentences' because they are made up of two or more sentences or thoughts that are fused, or connected, without punctuation.

EXAMPLE: I am a frog I can talk.

To fix a run-on sentence, you can separate the fused sentences with a period.

EXAMPLE: I am a frog. I can talk.

Or you can add a conjunction, like *and* or *but*, with a comma.

EXAMPLE: I am a frog, and I can talk. *or* I am a frog, but I can talk.

Directions: Fix the run-on sentences by adding punctuation or a conjunction with a comma.

1. James loves football he plays every day

James loves football. He plays every day.

2. I went to the ice cream shop I ate chocolate chip ice cream.

I went to the ice cream shop, and I ate chocolate chip ice cream.

3. Every summer I visit my cousin she lives in New York.

Every summer I visit my cousin. She lives in New York.

4. My mom said I have to clean my room I don't think it's dirty at all.

My mom said I have to clean my room, but I don't think it's dirty at all.

5. Carolyn can jump higher than all her friends she jumped over a big fence yesterday.

Carolyn can jump higher than all her friends. She jumped over a big fence yesterday.

6. Jackie takes lots of pictures with her phone she especially likes taking pictures of her dog Coco.

Jackie takes lots of pictures with her phone. She especially likes taking pictures of her dog Coco.
