

WORK ON WRITING: Run-On Sentences

A run-on sentence is two complete sentences that have been joined together in the wrong way, using incorrect punctuation or no punctuation.

UNCORRECTED RUN-ON SENTENCE:

I gave Tom my jacket, it was too small for me.

CORRECTED:

I gave Tom my jacket. It was too small for me.



Read each sentence. If it is a complete sentence, put a check ✓ beside it. If it is a run-on sentence, rewrite it as two complete sentences on the lines provided.

1. The cat followed me home, it looked hungry. The cat followed me home. It looked hungry.

2. I gave the cat some tuna and a bowl of water. ✓

3. I wanted to keep the cat, Mom shook her head. I wanted to keep the cat. Mom shook her head.

4. The cat had a collar and tags, it already had a home. The cat had a collar and tags. It already had a home.

5. Mom called the number on the tag, a nice lady answered. Mom called the number on the tag. A nice lady answered.

6. The lady came to our house, she thanked me for finding her cat. The lady came to our house. She thanked me for finding her cat.

7. I'm glad we helped the lady get her cat back. ✓