

# 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!  
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2. Harold and his brother  
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3. Made a funny face.  
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4. Runs all over town.  
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5. The city of San Francisco.  
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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

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

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

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

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

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

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