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Fixing Run On Sentences: Learn and Practice

Stop sentences that crash into each other

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

Run On Sentences

- A run on sentence joins two sentences without the right punctuation.
- Fix it with a period, or with a comma and a joining word like and, but or so.
- Run on: I like soup it is warm. Fixed: I like soup. It is warm.

1 Which is a comma splice?

A. Ben ran fast, he won the race.
B. Ben ran fast. He won the race.
C. Ben ran fast and won the race.
D. Ben ran fast, and he won the race.

2 Fix this: Dad cooked I set the table.

A. Dad cooked, and I set the table.
B. Dad cooked and, I set the table.
C. Dad, cooked I set the table.
D. Dad cooked, I set the table.

3 What is a comma splice?

A. a sentence with no commas
B. a comma before a quotation
C. two sentences joined by only a comma
D. a comma used in a list

4 Which is a run on sentence?

A. I like warm soup. B. I like soup it is warm.
C. I like soup because it is warm.
D. I like soup. It is warm.

5 Fix this: We went outside we played tag.

A. We went outside, we played tag.
B. We went outside. We played tag.
C. We went outside we, played tag.
D. We went. Outside we played tag.

6 What is a run on sentence?

A. a sentence missing its verb
B. a question with no question mark
C. any long sentence with details
D. two sentences joined with no break

7 Which word can join two sentences after a comma? It was cold, ___ we wore mittens.

A. so B. very C. we D. the

8 Which is written correctly?

A. The sun set the sky turned pink.
B. The sun set. The sky turned pink.
C. The sun set, the sky turned pink.
D. The sun set and, the sky turned pink.

Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for fixing run on sentences and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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1 Which is a comma splice?

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B. Ben ran fast. He won the race.

C. Ben ran fast and won the race.

D. Ben ran fast, and he won the race.

Two sentences are joined by only a comma. It needs a joining word or a period.

2 Fix this: Dad cooked I set the table.

A. Dad cooked, and I set the table.

B. Dad cooked and, I set the table.

C. Dad, cooked I set the table.

D. Dad cooked, I set the table.

A comma plus and joins the two sentences correctly.

3 What is a comma splice?

A. a sentence with no commas

B. a comma before a quotation

C. two sentences joined by only a comma

D. a comma used in a list

A comma alone is not strong enough to join two sentences.

4 Which is a run on sentence?

A. I like warm soup. **B. I like soup it is warm.**

C. I like soup because it is warm.

D. I like soup. It is warm.

I like soup and It is warm are two sentences with nothing between them.

5 Fix this: We went outside we played tag.

A. We went outside, we played tag.

B. We went outside. We played tag.

C. We went outside we, played tag.

D. We went. Outside we played tag.

A period splits the two complete thoughts. Great fix!

6 What is a run on sentence?

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D. two sentences joined with no break

A run on joins complete sentences without the right punctuation.

7 Which word can join two sentences after a comma? It was cold, ___ we wore mittens.

A. so B. very C. we D. the

So is a joining word that shows a result. It was cold, so we wore mittens.

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C. The sun set, the sky turned pink.

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A period separates the two complete sentences. Clear and correct!