RUN-ON SENTENCES

What is a run-on sentence?

A run-on sentence occurs when two or more sentences are joined together to form one without any punctuation.

Example of a run-on sentence:

Jack was the most successful president in the company’s history sales had never been higher under anyone else.

How to fix this run-on sentence:

A run-on sentence is incorrect because it is missing necessary punctuation. To fix one, we must find the proper punctuation and insert it. In the case of our example, we must insert a semicolon (;) to separate two independent clauses that are related.

Jack was the most successful president in the company’s history; sales had never been higher under anyone else.

Another example of a run-on sentence:

Although it only took fifteen minutes Tony thought the presentation had taken much longer.

How to fix this run-on sentence:

For this example, we would insert a comma (,).

Although it only took fifteen minutes, Tony thought the presentation had taken much longer.
Always be careful with run-on sentences. Make sure everything is properly punctuated. If you are unsure, say the sentence out loud to yourself. This can help you determine whether or not the sentence requires punctuation.

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