

109 Sentence Problems

Run-on Sentences

A run-on sentence consists of two or more sentences separated by a comma or by no mark of punctuation.

Correct the following run-ons. On the line provided, write the last word in the first complete sentence, the period, and the first word of the next sentence. Capitalize the first word of the second sentence.

EXAMPLE: To find run-on sentences, students have to read carefully they cannot just rush through.

carefully. They

1. Jackie saw her chance to get the leading role she studied hard to win the part.
2. Whenever Ramon could, he played the piano he had to work too much to play as often as he wished, however.
3. The basketball teams fought hard on the court they were good friends off the court, though.
4. The sanitation trucks couldn't get down the side streets during the snow storm, they came as soon as the street was plowed.
5. We won the prize, we gave it to the children.
6. Each day workers filed in at 7:00 A.M., they filed back out at 3:00 P.M.
7. Rita wrote the script Jeff wrote the musical score.
8. Prices went down in March, they shot up in May.
9. We swam all day we danced all night.
10. Painting the house is fun scraping it is not.
11. Ms. Tanner prepared the dinner for the children. Mr. Bernstein directed the entertainment.
12. The election machines broke down, the votes were not counted for several days.
13. Jack Messer told Mary Ann Whitley the reason, she passed it on to her family.
14. Drive carefully don't ignore the rules.
15. I learned my lines for the play I forgot every single one on stage, though.
16. Veronica could not understand Sam's attitude he seemed so indifferent.
17. I looked into the sky, I saw a spaceship descending.
18. David rushed to the shoreline, he grabbed the message from the bottle and read it quickly.
19. Joan crawled to the edge of the forest, she whispered to her sister to be still.