

# 111 Sentence Problems

## Run-on Sentences

The exercise below contains some complete sentences and some run-ons.  
On the lines provided, write S for sentences and R for run-ons.

EXAMPLE: The bus broke down the driver called for help.

R  
S

When the bus broke down, the driver called for help.

1. Janice told her parents the truth she left out many details, however. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The power mower ran out of gas. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Robert called for extra ticket-sellers on the day of the fair he was afraid he didn't have enough to do all the work. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Today, the problem of solar energy interests many government agencies. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jane shouted at the driver to stop, she saw the child behind the truck. \_\_\_\_\_
6. In 1492 Columbus set out on a sea journey which ended in a surprise for his sailors. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The construction crew drilled the concrete all day the noise bothered the residents in nearby apartments. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Some people miss the city when they move to the country. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Rock groups have unusual names, teenagers often know them all. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Lisa and Raymond took responsibility for the class picnic they had run it three times before. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Some high school athletes star in football, basketball, track and field, and baseball. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Surfing attracts spectators along both coasts of the continent, they love to watch skilled surfers. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Hugh warned Rosa never to tell anyone he had once been an intelligence officer in Europe telling strangers could endanger his life. \_\_\_\_\_
14. The horses clumped along they never hurried, but they covered many miles. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Lighting a charcoal fire can be a risk, be cautious when starting one. \_\_\_\_\_
16. The beams holding up the roof of the old building had too much pressure, they collapsed. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Whenever the problem of contagious disease exists in the United States, public health officials notify and warn residents of affected areas. \_\_\_\_\_
18. Sightseeing can be a good way to learn geography some advance reading helps. \_\_\_\_\_
19. By the end of the rainy season many basements had flooded damage had been done to floors and walls. \_\_\_\_\_
20. Allergies give people hives, runny noses, and headaches. \_\_\_\_\_