

# 132 Sentence Problems

## Run-on Sentences

One method for correcting run-ons is to link the two independent clauses by inserting a comma and the appropriate coordinating conjunction.

Correct each of the following run-ons according to the method described above. On the line provided, write the last word of the first independent clause, the comma, and the coordinating conjunction given in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: The city has certain advantages the wide-open spaces appeal more to me. (*but*)

advantages, but

1. The bald eagle is the national bird of the United States it is rarely seen in most parts of North America. (*yet*)
2. Writing a good essay is difficult outlining details before beginning may help. (*but*)
3. Fruits and cheese make good snacks they provide protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals. (*for*)
4. The helicopter's rotating blades lifted it into the air it hovered above us before flying away. (*and*)
5. All week we fans had looked forward to the soccer game on Saturday morning it was rained out. (*but*)
6. Roberto knew he was late he decided not to speed. (*yet*)
7. Set the thermostat at a higher temperature wear an extra sweater. (*or*)
8. Led by the drum major, the drummers beat cadence the band paraded down the city's main street. (*and*)
9. Arrange to make fewer shopping trips by car plan to take public transportation. (*or*)
10. Driving when the rain first begins to fall is dangerous the road surface is slick. (*for*)
11. The football team had practiced well that week they didn't win Saturday's game. (*yet*)

