

### Grammar Explanation

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#### Correcting fragments and run-ons

- A fragment is an incomplete sentence because it lacks a subject, a verb or part of the verb phrase, or because it is a dependent clause.
  - To fix a fragment that is missing a subject, add a subject.
  - To fix a fragment that is missing a verb or part of the verb phrase, add the verb or part of the verb that is missing.
  - To fix a fragment that is a dependent clause, attach the dependent clause to an independent clause.

For additional explanation and practice, see **Exercise 6:**  
**Fixing incomplete sentences (fragments).**

- A run-on is a sentence that contains two independent clauses that are not separated or connected correctly.
  - To fix a run-on, use a period or semicolon to separate the clauses into two sentences or connect the clauses by using a comma followed by a coordinating conjunction (e.g., *and*, *but*, *or*, *so*).
- A comma splice is the most common type of run-on sentence. It occurs when a comma is used between two independent clauses without a coordinating conjunction (e.g., *and*, *but*, *or*, *so*).
  - To fix a comma splice, change the comma to a period or semicolon or add a coordinating conjunction after the comma.

For additional explanation and practice, see **Exercise 7:**  
**Correcting run-ons and comma splices.**

Excerpted from: Sentence Structure: Exercise 8