

The Complete Sentence

A sentence is a group of words that expresses a complete thought. A sentence makes sense because it is a whole idea, not just part of one. When part of an idea is missing from a sentence the group of words is called a sentence fragment. **A sentence fragment does not express a complete thought.**

Directions: For each of the following group of words that is a sentence, write S. For each sentence fragment, write F.

1. Lost fifteen pounds.
2. The boxers entered the ring.
3. The final score.
4. Opened the top drawer.
5. A photo of the family.
6. This gas station is open.
7. Val planned the route.
8. Vendors at the ballpark.
9. Where was the wedding held?
10. Evan works at a hospital.
11. Dave Kingman hit a homerun.
12. Who is this disc jockey?
13. Dialed the wrong number.
14. A downpour stalled the game.
15. Needs a lot of help.
16. A group of close friends.
17. Smoke from the blaze.
18. A new source of energy.
19. Kim noticed the want ad.
20. The cashier made a mistake.

The Run-on Sentence

A **run-on** sentence is two or more sentences written incorrectly as one. It is confusing because it does not show where the first idea ends and the second one begins.

Directions: Fix each of the run-on sentences. Use each of the three methods to complete the assignment.

1. Some radio stations have powerful signals, they can be heard in nearby states.
2. One disc jockey reads letters from listeners he also jokes with callers.
3. Several stations hold contests, prizes are often albums.
4. Tanya won one contest she named a song correctly.
5. The sound equipment is complex, few people could operate it.
6. The Reds won the pennant they will play in the World Series.
7. Rod Carew hit a line drive, the centerfielder caught it.
8. Tony has a set of barbells he lifts weights every day.
9. We saw an old Hitchcock film, it was a classic thriller.
10. Megan hung another poster she has nearly covered her walls.
11. Lou painted his car, first he sanded it.
12. The racecar driver pulled off the track the pit crew went into action.
13. The expressway is being repaired all lanes are closed.
14. Heavy machinery is blocking the street a worker is directing traffic.
15. Jason works at this station he works four days a week.
16. Jenna attached brackets to the wall, she used toggle bolts.
17. The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, sunny weather is predicted.
18. Steve comes from a very large family he has three brothers and four sisters.
19. The hospital staff works on shifts, there are three shifts of eight hours each.
20. A loud noise startled the hikers, a dead tree had fallen.