

## Run-On Sentences



When 2 sentences are joined together to be one, but are not joined with correct punctuation and/or conjunction, we get a Run-on Sentence.

**Ex.** Online shopping is becoming very common many people prefer to make purchases online.

There are 2 Types of Run-On Sentences: Fused and Comma-splice

- **Fused Run-on** (2 sentences are joined into one with **NO** conjunction and/ or punctuation)

**Ex:** Online shopping is becoming very common many people prefer to make purchases online.

- **Comma-splice Run-on** (2 sentences are joined into one with **ONLY** comma separating them)

**Ex:** Online shopping is becoming very common , many people prefer to make purchases online.

**TO CORRECT RUN\_ON SENTENCES, WE NEED TO KNOW:**

**Sentence Types:**

- Simple
- Compound
- Complex

**Types of Punctuation** ( 2 types of punctuation will be used to correct run-ons)

- Period (.)
- Semi-colon (;)

**Conjunction Types:** Coordinating, Transitional, Subordinating

- **Coordinating Conjunctions** (are used to join 2 sentences and make a COMPOUND sentences)

For  
 , And  
 Nor  
 But  
 Or  
 Yet  
 So

- **Transitional Conjunctions** (are used to join 2 sentences and make a COMPOUND sentences)

However, therefore, moreover, furthermore, consequently, hence, nevertheless in addition, for example, for instance, on the other hand....

**Punctuation rules with Transitional Conjunctions:**

1. **However**, Tom didn't come with us. (*Simple sentence*)
2. Tom, **however**, didn't come with us. (*Simple sentence*)
3. \*Anna invited every one; **however**, Tom didn't come with us. (*Compound sentence*)

- **Subordinating Conjunctions** (are used to join 2 sentences and make a COMPLEX sentences)

When, because, while, meanwhile, if, although, since, despite, before, after, as, as if, until....

**Punctuation rules with Transitional Conjunctions:**

- Ex: **When** I came home, Tom was sleeping.  
Tom was sleeping **when** I came home.

### RUN-ON Sentence:

**Fused:** Online shopping is becoming very common many people prefer to make purchases online.

**Comma-splice:** Online shopping is becoming very common, many people prefer to make purchases online.

### HOW to Correct Run-ons:

1. Online shopping is becoming very common. Many people prefer making purchases online. (**2 Simple Sentences**)
2. Online shopping is becoming very common, **and** many people prefer making purchases online. (**1 Compound Sentence**)
3. Online shopping is becoming very common; many people prefer making purchases online. (**1 Compound Sentence**)
4. Online shopping is becoming very common; **therefore**, many people prefer making purchases online. (**1 Compound Sentence**)
5. **When** online shopping is becoming very common, many people prefer making purchases online. (**1 Complex Sentence**)