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I. Run-On Sentences

Definition: A run-on sentence either has too many independent clauses or two independent clauses that are not linked correctly.

1. Fused Sentence

Definition: A fused sentence consists of two independent clauses, but both the comma and coordinating conjunction are missing. Example of a Fused Sentence: She writes the music he plays the guitar.

2. Comma Splice

Definition: A comma splice consists of two or more independent clauses that follow one another and are incorrectly linked together only with a comma (or commas). The coordinating conjunction is missing. Example of a Comma Splice: She writes the music, he plays the guitar.

Practice

1. One of the most interesting plants is the cactus it is able to live without water for years.
2. The average woman does not find it hard to get a job, she finds it hard to get a promotion.
3. The time you spend in traffic court is not actually very long, it seems like a long time.
4. I never did any studying in high school, I never even took a book home with me.
5. One of my problems is spelling the other one is writing legibly.

II. Sentence Fragments

Definition: A sentence fragment is an incomplete sentence. Most fragments are missing the subject, the verb, or both.

Ex :

1. After the party starts.
2. While I was waiting for my car to be repaired.
3. Her expertise being in chemistry and biology.
4. For instance, clean water and electricity.