

## Eliminating Run-ons

A run-on sentence is a sentence without proper boundaries of punctuation. There are three basic types of run-ons:

**1) Fused run-on** (also known as a run-together sentence): two **sentences are merged with no punctuation or conjunction.**

*example: My legacy is beautiful it makes me cry.*

**2) Comma Splice:** two sentences combined with a comma but lacking a coordinating conjunction.

*example. My dad took me to the beach, he wanted to talk to me.*

**3) Conjunctive Splice:** two sentences combined with a conjunction but lacking adequate punctuation.

*examples: Shirley wrote a poem and a magazine published it. As a Catholic I pray each night furthermore I go to mass.*

You can correct these run-ons by dividing them into simple sentences or combining them using coordination or subordination. (See “Types of Sentences”).

**Correct the following run-ons that are drawn from student essays. Then go on to correct the run-ons in your own essay on a separate sheet of paper.**

1. She started the garden, that is her role in the community.

2. The bell rang I got out of my seat because nobody was there.

3. I opened my photo album the large album with pictures of my family.

4. My mother wrote him a letter, it was simply a letter from a sister.

5. My mother is a very nice person, she likes to talk to people.

