

# SENTENCE FRAGMENTS AND RUN-ONS

**RETEACHING:** A **sentence fragment** is a word group that has no subject or predicate or does not express a complete thought. A **run-on sentence** consists of two or more sentences joined without a conjunction.

**A. Identify each of the following groups of words as a *fragment*, a *run-on*, or a *correct sentence*. Draw a line to the right answer.**

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| 1. When you first start to write a story you need to have an idea. | a. fragment         |
| 2. Where can you get ideas they come from so many places.          | b. run-on           |
| 3. What you often need.  | c. correct sentence |

**B. Rewrite the following fragments as correct sentences.**

1. Helped him discover.

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2. Found in the library.

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3. Describes the things.

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4. His favorite tools.

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**C. Rewrite the following run-ons as correct sentences.**

1. His first attempts were poetry ideas came to him.

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2. One example is a poem about Mexico the poem was a short and funny one.

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3. He read and wrote poems, a few years later he started writing short stories.

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4. How did he create his characters he just invented them.

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**A. Read each group of words. Write *fragment* if the sentence is not complete. Write *run-on* if it consists of two or more sentences incorrectly joined. Write *correct* if it is a complete sentence.**

1. To learn these things. \_\_\_\_\_
2. A typical working day. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Soto tries to get all the rest he needs. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Writing is like work it is hard work. \_\_\_\_\_
5. He spends many hours a day working his writing is his work. \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Rewrite each fragment or run-on as a complete sentence.**

1. Fresno, California, the home of Gary Soto and his family.  
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2. He grew up using his imagination this was how he became a writer.  
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3. It takes rest to have energy writing is difficult work.  
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4. Learning about language and words.  
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5. Life changed for Gary Soto when he went away to college suddenly everything was different.  
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Identify each group of words below. Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

- Writing is similar to other work.
  - fragment
  - run-on
  - correct sentence
- Writing demands energy it requires focus.
  - fragment
  - run-on
  - correct sentence
- Three or four hours a day writing.
  - fragment
  - run-on
  - correct sentence
- Start with a great idea, some ideas come from memories.
  - fragment
  - run-on
  - correct sentence
- Language and words and ideas.
  - fragment
  - run-on
  - correct sentence
- Make sure to set aside time for writing.
  - fragment
  - run-on
  - correct sentence
- Read the story aloud and see how it sounds add more if necessary.
  - fragment
  - run-on
  - correct sentence
- May need to add more.
  - fragment
  - run-on
  - correct sentence
- Sometimes special research is necessary sometimes imagination is enough.
  - fragment
  - run-on
  - correct sentence
- When growing up.
  - fragment
  - run-on
  - correct sentence