

Four Fixes to Fix a Run-On Sentence

Fix #1

Make it **two separate sentences** by using a **period** and a **capital letter**.

Run-on: My friend danced to the music she was a great dancer!

Fix #1: My friend danced to the music. She was a great dancer!

Fix #2

Add a **comma** and a **conjunction** (FANBOYS) to make a **compound sentence** (IC-IC).

Run-on: My friend was a great musician he could play the drums well.

Fix #2: My friend was a great musician, **and** he played the drums well.

Fix #3

Place a **semicolon** (;) between the two independent clauses (ICs).

Run-on: The drummer played the music it was amazing to hear.

Fix #3: The drummer played the music; it was amazing to hear.




Fix #4

Add a **subordinating conjunction** to make a **complex sentence** (IC-DC or DC-IC).

Run-on: The music was great he had spent hours practicing.

Fix #4: The music was great **because** he had spent hours practicing.

Types of Sentences

Simple	Compound	Complex
<p>* A slug swallowed Billy.</p> <p>* A giant, slithering, slimy slug swallowed Billy and his friend Biff and spit them out like a couple of pieces of flavorless gum.</p> 	<p>* Mr. Kopple toppled out of his window, and he landed in the puddle.</p> <p>* Mr. Kopple toppled out of his window; he landed in the puddle.</p> 	<p>* Nora worried when her date took her to a seafood restaurant and ordered her a hamburger.</p> <p>* When Tammy tampered with the childproof cap, she twisted so hard that she threw out her back.</p> 
<p>One subject + one predicate = one independent clause (IC)</p>	<p>Independent clause; independent clause.</p> <p>Independent clause (IC), and (fanboys) independent clause (IC).</p>	<p>One independent clause (IC) + one dependent clause (DC).</p> <p>If the baby comes before the momma, you need a comma.</p>