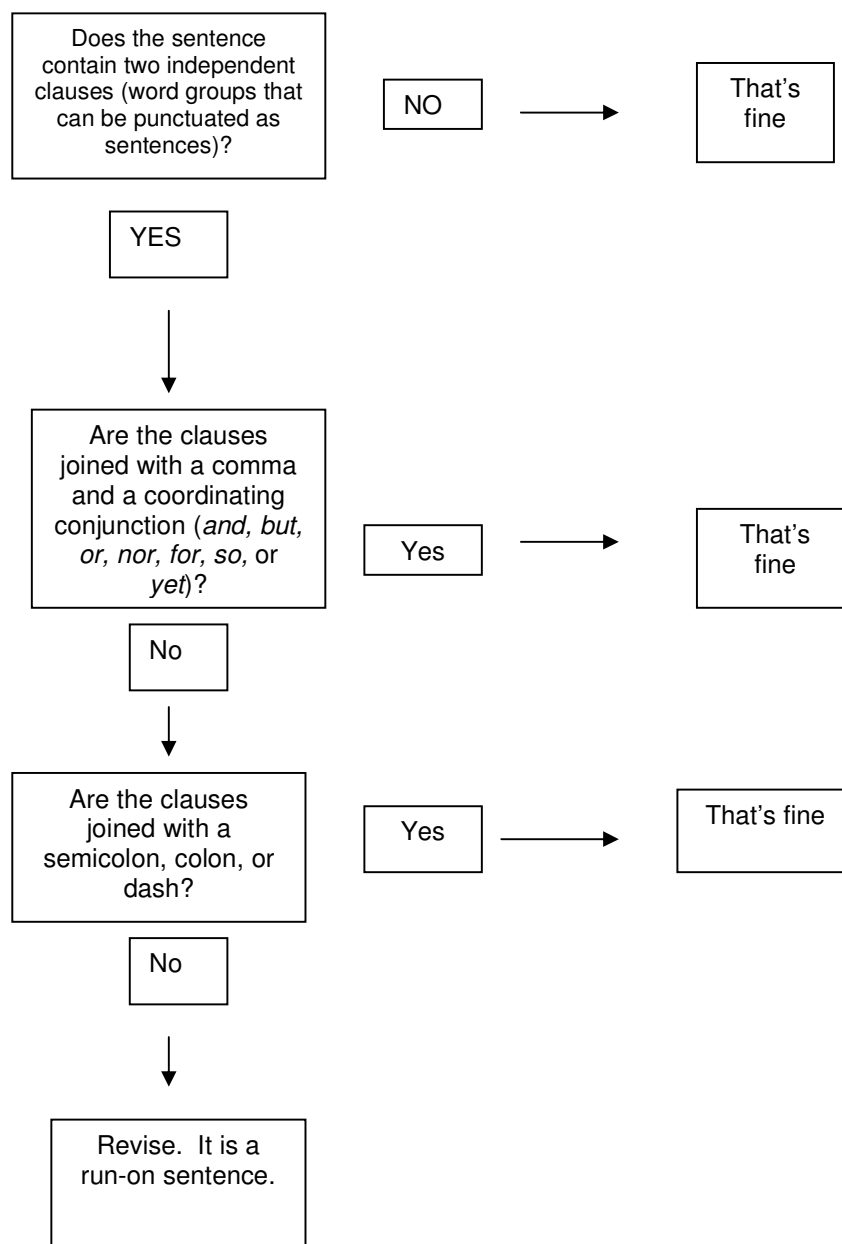


Run-on sentences

Run-on sentences are independent clauses that have not been joined correctly. An independent clause is a word group that can stand alone as a sentence. When two independent clauses appear in one sentence, they must be joined in one of these ways:

- with a comma and a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet)
- with a semicolon (or occasionally a colon or dash)

Recognising run-on sentences



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There are two kinds of run-on sentences.

- The fused sentence is when there is no punctuation and no coordinating conjunction between independent clauses

When the Australian economy is in a recession many people cannot find a job being unemployed is difficult.

- The comma splice is when two or more independent clauses are joined by a comma and without a coordinating conjunction.

When the Australian economy is in a recession many people cannot find a job, being unemployed is difficult.

Correcting run-on sentences

1. Use a comma and a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet).
When the Australian economy is in a recession many people cannot find a job, and being unemployed is difficult.
2. Use a semicolon (or a colon or a dash).
When the Australian economy is in a recession many people cannot find a job; being unemployed is difficult.
3. Make the clauses into separate sentences.
When the Australian economy is in a recession many people cannot find a job. Being unemployed is difficult.

Correct any run-on sentences in the following passage

There are several things to consider when you catch public transport in Melbourne. It can be time consuming if you are not careful moreover it is time wasting if you have not planned ahead.

It is a good idea to buy a card of ten or a daily or monthly ticket it saves both time and money. You can buy the ticket at a newsagency or bookstore, you will know by the sign that will be hanging above the door. Then when you get on the tram, train or bus, you can simply validate your ticket and relax. If you wait until you are on the public transport to buy your ticket it will involve waiting at the station or making your way through the crowds on a tram this can be really difficult.

The next important item to carry is a book to read this will really help you to enjoy the trip and will enable you to fit in some important moments of relaxation, so vital when you are on the way to or from work. Some people carry what they call their 'tram' or 'bus' book. It has been especially chosen as a lighter, simpler read than the book they may be reading at other times during the day.

You might also carry paper and a pen to make quick notes some people like to carry a notebook that can be used for regular documenting of thoughts jotted down on the run. It is important to have a comfortable bag to carry all the bits and pieces in when you are travelling this should be a bag that sits comfortably on the back and does not put undue pressure on one shoulder it really needs to sit squarely on the back. If you are well equipped you will be able to really enjoy your time on public transport even the time spent waiting on the street corner on a dark and rainy night can be taken in good spirit.