

Fixing Sentence Problems

Check for Run-On Sentences

Sometimes you may accidentally write a **run-on sentence**. A run-on sentence is two or more sentences that run together. Sometimes it is called a *comma splice* because it is connected with a comma instead of a period. Other run-ons may have no punctuation at all.

One way to fix run-on sentences is to divide them into two or more complete sentences. Another way is to add a comma and a conjunction.

RUN-ON SENTENCE	CORRECTED SENTENCES
<p>This year, I learned what flight attendants do I think I might like to be one someday.</p>	<p>This year, I learned what flight attendants do. I think I might like to be one someday.</p> <p>This year, I learned what flight attendants do, and I think I might like to be one someday.</p>



On your own paper, correct the run-on sentences below by dividing them into two or more shorter sentences.

1. Flight attendants welcome passengers aboard they also help passengers find their seats.
 1. *Flight attendants welcome passengers aboard. They also help passengers find their seats.*
2. First they check to see that seat belts are fastened then they check to make sure carry-on items are stored safely.
3. Flight attendants are trained for emergencies they know what to do if something unexpected happens.
4. They keep the passengers comfortable they serve food and beverages and supply blankets and pillows.
5. Flight attendants sometimes go to "career days" students can learn a lot by asking flight attendants questions.



Choose two of the above run-on sentences and correct them by using a comma and the conjunction "and."