

Lesson 7: Correcting Fragments and Run-ons

LEARN

- A **fragment** is an incomplete sentence. The subject or predicate might be missing. To correct this kind of fragment, add a subject or a predicate.

FRAGMENT Bought a children's book.
SENTENCE My sister bought a children's book.
↑ **Add a subject.**

FRAGMENT The book.
SENTENCE The book is for my brother.
Add a predicate. ↑

- A **run-on sentence** is two complete sentences that run together. One way to correct a run-on sentence is to make two separate sentences. Another way is to make a compound sentence.

RUN-ON
She likes to draw she wants to be an artist.

CORRECTED SENTENCE
She likes to draw. She wants to be an artist.
↑ **two separate sentences**

CORRECTED SENTENCE
She likes to draw, and she wants to be an artist.
↑ **compound sentence**



PRACTICE

A Read each group of words. Circle *sentence*, *fragment*, or *run-on* to describe it.

1. Lane Smith is an illustrator. sentence fragment run-on
2. The young artist. sentence fragment run-on
3. He loved to draw pictures he loved baseball. sentence fragment run-on
4. He is grateful to his teachers. sentence fragment run-on
5. They encouraged him they helped him. sentence fragment run-on

6. One of his teachers.

sentence fragment run-on

7. Tried out different art supplies.

sentence fragment run-on

8. This artist has a great imagination.

sentence fragment run-on

B *Make each fragment a complete sentence by matching it with the correct subject or predicate. Write the letter of the words you choose on the line.*

b 1. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*

a. is Beatrix Potter.

a 2. The author's name

b. is a well-known children's book.

e 3. wrote the story in a letter.

c. The letter

c 4. was for a little boy who was sick.

d. later turned the story into a book.

d 5. Potter

e. Beatrix

Write each run-on sentence as a compound sentence.

6. Beatrix Potter made the story longer she redrew the pictures, too. _____

Beatrix Potter made the story longer, and she redrew the pictures, too.

7. She wanted to make books for children she wanted to make them easy to hold.

She wanted to make books for children, and she wanted to make them easy to hold.

8. Beatrix made the books little she used sturdy paper. _____

Beatrix made the books little, and she used sturdy paper.

Write each run-on sentence as two separate sentences.

9. Beatrix Potter grew up in England drawing was her favorite hobby.

Beatrix Potter grew up in England. Drawing was her favorite hobby.

10. Beatrix had a younger brother both children loved plants and animals.

Beatrix had a younger brother. Both children loved plants and animals.

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D Add a subject or predicate to each fragment to make a complete sentence. Write the sentence on the line.
Answers may vary. Suggested answers are given.

1. A book's illustrations. _____
A book's illustrations are important.
2. Add interest to the story. _____
These pictures add interest to the story.
3. Show the mood and feelings in a story, too. _____
They show the mood and feelings in a story, too.
4. Drawings, paintings, and photographs. _____
Drawings, paintings, and photographs are different kinds of illustrations.
5. Photographs. _____
Photographs appear in many nonfiction books.
6. My favorite book illustrator. _____
My favorite book illustrator is Lane Smith.
7. The Caldecott Medal. _____
The Caldecott Medal honors great illustrators.
8. Are fun to read. _____
Children's books are fun to read.
9. Books without illustrations. _____
Books without illustrations are for older readers.
10. Are on display in the library. _____
Many books are on display in the library.