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RUN ON SENTENCE

A sentence is a group of words arranged in a sequence that gives a meaningful thought. A run on sentence consists of two or more complete clauses / sentences which are not joined together properly. In other words, we may call it a sentence that runs into another sentence. It can stand by itself in both in long or short forms. A sentence is marked with clear cut punctuation but we don't find needed punctuation in a run on sentence. Run on sentence may be connected together using a period (.) or semicolon (;) and with correct capitalization to form a sentence. Run on sentences can be joined into compound sentences using a comma (,) and a coordinate conjunction like and / but / or / for / nor / yet ... etc... We may also create a complex sentence using run on sentences. (clauses with who, whom, that, which etc It is better to avoid run on sentences and write simple / compound / complex sentence in place of run on sentence.

Examples:

- 1) My aunt has a sweater it is red. (Run on sentence)
- 2) My aunt has a sweater. It is red. (Two simple sentence)
- 3) My aunt has a red sweater. (Simple sentence)
- 4) My aunt has a sweater and it is red. (Compound sentence)
- 5) My aunt has a sweater, which is red. (Complex sentence)

Rewrite the following run on sentences into meaningful sentences you may follow the hints given in brackets.

Examples:

- a) Jim worked all day he is tired. [Write two sentences with correct punctuation]

Answer: Jim worked all day. He is tired.

- b) Lucy failed in the painting competition she had been planning for more practice. [Use however and punctuation]

Answer: Lucy failed in the painting competition; however, she had been planning for more practice.