Fragments and Run-ons Activity Sheet

In this worksheet, you will have the opportunity to see examples of sentences that are fragments/run-ons and practice restructuring them so they are grammatically correct.

**Fragments** occur when sentences lack the correct construction, leaving an incomprehensible thought. There are several reasons why sentences are fragments; here is a list to remind you:

- There is no subject
- There is no verb or verb string
- Prepositional phrases don’t relate to the subject/verb

**Run-ons** occur when 2 independent clauses are connected improperly, whether that be from the lack of punctuation, or a comma separating the 2 clauses (comma splice). Here are the ways to correct a run-on sentence:

- Use a period
- Use a semicolon
- Use a comma and a coordinating conjunction
- Use a subordinating conjunction (making one of the independent clauses dependent)

**Fragments**

**Directions:** In the blank space below each example, identify why the sentence is wrong, and write a new sentence fixing the mistakes. Use the lists above to adjust the sentences accordingly. There are potentially many ways to rewrite the sentences below.

1) Worked in the factory all day, waiting to come home and see his dog.

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2) Sarah reading her new book every day because she enjoys it so much.

3) After the concert at the beach, stayed in a hotel for the weekend to enjoy the ocean.

4) After finishing the 5K she had been training for since March.

5) Before we got on the boat, I in the lake with my friends, cooling off and enjoying the refreshing temperature of the water.

6) Within the first couple of hours she spent studying for her final exam, which was next week.

Run-Ons
Directions: Using the lists above, rewrite the following run-on sentences. There isn’t just one way to rewrite them.

1) I got locked out of my house my neighbor kicked my door down.

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2) The seagull landed on my sandwich and carried it away, I chased it down the beach.

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3) The boy named Albion cast his ward on a draugr it held him in place with magical barriers.

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4) His mom warned him about getting a tattoo he got one anyway.

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5) The man in the shadows approached him maliciously he panicked and scrambled over the link-fence to his left.

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6) The public library reading session was cancelled because of bad weather, a hurricane blew in two days ago and ripped a hole in the ceiling.