Ways to Fix a Run-on
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Introduction

Run-ons are sentences with 2 independent clauses that are connected improperly -- not sentences that are too long. Ex. There was a hurricane a tree fell down in my yard.

1. Use a Period

Using a period can separate the 2 independent thoughts of a run-on. Ex. There was a hurricane. A tree fell down in my yard.

2. Comma + Coordinating Conjunction

Using both a comma and coordinating conjunction can fix a run-on, without forming a comma splice. Ex. There was a hurricane, so a tree fell down in my yard.

3. Subordinating Conjunction

This allows 1 of the independent clauses to become a dependent clause. Ex. Since there was a hurricane, a tree fell down in my yard.

4. Use a Semicolon

Semicolons allow 2 independent clauses to become grammatically correct and create a relationship between the ideas. Ex. There was a hurricane; a tree fell down in my yard.