

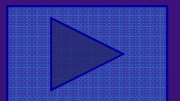
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RUN-ON SENTENCE

and how to avoid it



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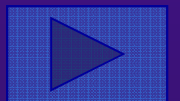
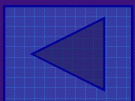


Know your enemy:

- In a run-on sentence,
 - two clauses have been connected
 - incorrectly.

✘ We're going to the moon, do you want to go?

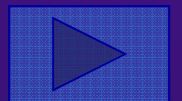
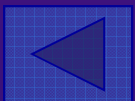
✘ Cats like mice they also like fish.



Why does it matter?



- In a **run-on sentence**,
 - your readers may be **confused**,
 - because we can't tell where one idea **ends**
 - and the next one **begins**.
- ✘ My cat likes to nap on the aquarium is the home of our naïve fish.

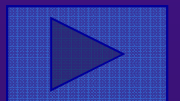
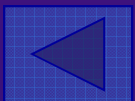


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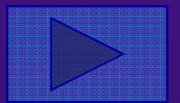
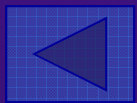
- In a **run-on sentence**,
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- because we can't tell **how** the ideas are related.

✘ My cat likes to play with string, he is practicing for his big chance.



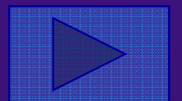
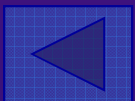
How to recognize a run-on

- **First**, you need to know these **sentence parts**:
- **Subject**
 - Who is doing the action, or
 - who is being described
- **Predicate**
 - What is happening
- **Clause**
 - Contains a subject and a predicate



How to recognize a run-on

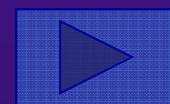
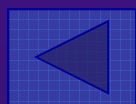
- Next step:
- Identify the main clause by
- Finding the **subject** and the **predicate**.
- The key:
- If there is a **second clause** in the sentence,
✓ is it **connected** properly?
- Connect with a **conjunction**, **relative pronoun**, or separate with a **period**.



Try it:

✘ My cat likes to play with string,
he is practicing for his big chance.

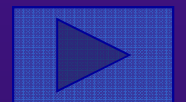
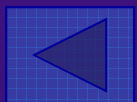
✓ Find the **subject** and the **predicate**.



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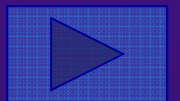
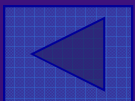
✓ But wait!

✓ There is another clause
with a subject and a
predicate



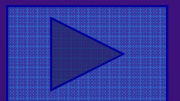
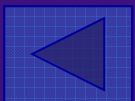
⊗ My cat likes to play with string,
he is practicing for his big chance.

- ✓ Two clauses, each with a **subject** and **predicate**.
- ✓ Are they connected properly?

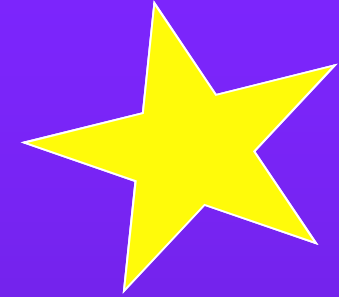


Nooo . . .

- It's a run-on sentence.



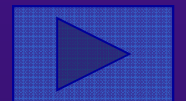
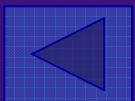
Fix it:



✘ My cat likes to play with string because he is practicing for his big chance.

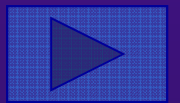
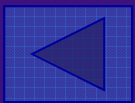
✓ Methods:

- Conjunction
- Period



Try it:

- ✘ My cat is napping on the aquarium, he likes to watch the fish.
- ✓ Two clauses, **improperly** connected with a **flimsy comma**.



Two Run-On Traps: #1

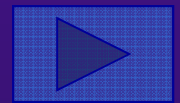
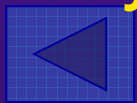
1. When a **command** or **question** is in the **second clause**:

✘ My cat is going fishing, **will he catch anything?**

- **Fix it: Separate with a period.**



My cat is going fishing. Will he catch anything?



Two Run-On Traps: #2

2. When two clauses are connected with a **transition word** instead of a conjunction:

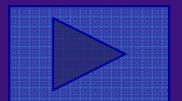
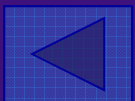
✘ My cat is dipping his paw in the aquarium, **however**, he hasn't caught a fish.

- Fix it: **Separate with a period.**



My cat is dipping his paw in the aquarium.

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Two Run-On Traps: #2

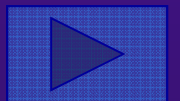
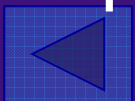
2. Another solution:

✘ My cat is dipping his paw in the aquarium, however, he hasn't caught a fish.

- Fix it: Connect with a conjunction.

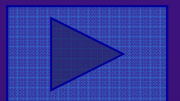
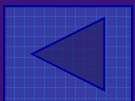


Although my cat is dipping his paw in the aquarium, he hasn't caught a fish.



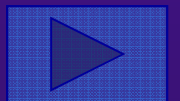
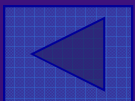
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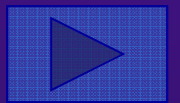
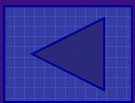
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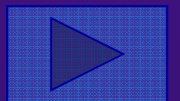
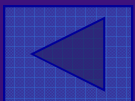
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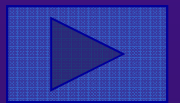
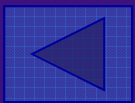
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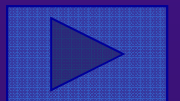
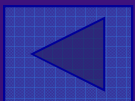
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- Identify the main clause by finding the _____ and _____.



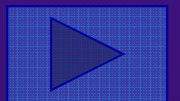
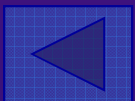
Review:

- Identify the main clause by finding the **subject** and **predicate**.



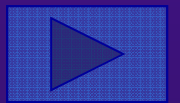
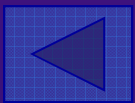
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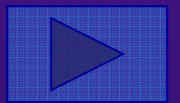
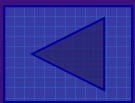
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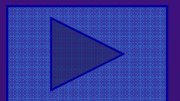
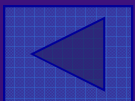
Review:

- Two ways to fix a run-on are:
- C
- P



Review:

- Three ways to fix a run-on are:
- Conjunction
- Period



Now
you

Know it all!

