

Punctuation and Sentence Boundary Errors Quiz

	Punctuation Marks	Name of the Function + one sentence example of the function in use
1	, ;	To connect complete sentences (or complete thoughts) Eg: I went to the park, and the flowers were in bloom everywhere.
2	,	To separate introductory elements Eg: When I went to the park, the flowers were in bloom.
3	, , -- -- ()	To separate interrupting elements The historic park, named Travis Park, is located in downtown.
4	, ;	To separate items in a list I went to the store and bought sunscreen, bug spray, and cokes.
5	: --	To point your reader to highlight At the store, I bought three things: eggs, butter, and milk.

Define what a Sentence Boundary Error is:

A sentence boundary error is when two sentences are either incorrectly connected or divided.

List the three kinds of run-ons	List the four main fixes for run-ons
1. Fused sentence --nothing between sentences	1. Use a period to separate sentences
2. Comma-splice --only a comma between sentences	2. Use a semi-colon
3. Run-on --only a conjunction between sentences	3. Use a comma with the conjunction
	4. Make one independent clause a dependent clause

Find and fix the run-ons or other punctuation problems in this passage:

Original passage:

As they yelled as hard as they could Bill tried to make his way outside of the crowd Tommy was finally noticeable and as she worked to get out of the crowd she looked a little disheveled with her oversized pants and cut shirt. She jumped into the car and they were on their way, as they were driving back they got onto the frontage road they were looking but they missed it.

Edited version:

As they yelled as hard as they could, Bill tried to make his way outside of the crowd. Tommy was finally noticeable, and as she worked to get out of the crowd, she looked a little disheveled with her oversized pants and cut shirt. She jumped into the car, and they were on their way. As they were driving back, they got onto the frontage road. They were looking, but they missed it.