

Punctuation and Run-ons Test—Re-Take

	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 run-on is:

A run-on is a grammar error in which two sentences (independent clauses) are incorrectly connected or separated.

List the three kinds of run-ons	List the three 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

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

Original passage:

Because she was stubborn like the rest she decided to use her knees to steer the wheel but apparently while she was steering she looked down because she noticed that she had found what she was looking for, as she reached her arm for it the car swerved the first time she regained the wheel then once again while they were on the frontage road she tried again the car swerved again for the second time and everyone in the car but her screamed hysterically.

Edited version:

Because she was stubborn like the rest, she decided to use her knees to steer the wheel, but while she was steering, she looked down because she noticed that she had found what she was looking for. As she reached her arm for it, the car swerved. The first time she regained the wheel, but then while they were on the frontage road, she tried again. The car swerved again for the second time, and everyone in the car but her screamed hysterically.