**Run-ons**

**Defined:** fused sentences (no comma or conjunction) or sentence with a comma splice (two independent clauses with a comma but no conjunction)

**Writers have four choices to revise run-ons:**

1. Use a *comma* and a *coordinating conjunction* (FANBOYS: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet and so*).
2. Use a *semicolon* (;).
3. Make each clause into a *separate sentence*.
4. Rewrite the sentence, maybe making one *subordinate* to the other.

**Example Run-On:**

Amanda walked into the mall she bought a pair of shoes.

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Subj  Verb  Subj  Verb
Amanda walked into the mall she bought a pair of shoes.

**Possible corrections:**

1. Amanda walked into the mall, **and** she bought a pair of shoes.
2. Amanda walked into the mall; she bought a pair of shoes.
3. Amanda walked into the mall. She bought a pair of shoes.
4. **When Amanda walked into the mall,** she bought a pair of shoes.

**Run-on Practice: Fix these sentences using one of the four techniques above.**

1. We have a new principal, his name is Mr. Andrews.
2. Some students do not like this, they think it makes it hard to get to class on time.

**Answer Key:**

1. Our new principal’s name is Mr. Andrews. OR We have a new principal. His name is Mr. Andrews.
2. Some students do not like this, because they think it makes it hard to get to class on time. OR Some students do not like this; they think it makes it hard to get to class on time.