

Sentence Problems

- Run on
- Misplaced Modifiers
- Double Negatives

What's wrong?

- My mother is the best mom in the whole world, she buys me things I need and she takes care of the entire family sometimes we have girl time by going shopping or watching one of our favorites movies in the middle of her bed I don't know what I would do without my mom because I know she loves me more than anyone. And I hope that I continue to make her proud.

What is a run on?

- two or more complete sentences that are not properly **joined** or **separated**

Two kinds of run ons-

- 1) two or more sentences that run together without any punctuation between them
- 2) 2 or more sentences separated only by a comma

Three ways to correct run-ons

- 1. Use **end marks**, such as periods, question marks, and exclamation marks, to separate a run-on
- 2. Use a **comma and a coordinating conjunction**, such as so, yet, and, but, or, for, & nor, to combine two independent clauses into a compound sentence
- 3. Use a **semicolon (;)** to connect the two parts of a run-on if the ideas are connected

Examples and Corrections

- There are three types of pyramids in Egypt, a sphinx is also there.

An example of a run-on with a comma used incorrectly

- There are three examples of pyramids in Egypt; a sphinx is also there.

Use a semicolon to connect the similar information

Examples and Corrections

Hieroglyphics are pictures that are symbols for sounds and words they were used as a writing system.

An example of a run-on sentence because the two sentences are not properly joined or separated.

Hieroglyphics are pictures that are symbols for sounds and words. They were used as a writing system.

An end mark was used to separate

Let's Correct the run ons!

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Closing

Is the following a run on?

Margaret is in the hospital she needs surgery on her foot.

What are the three ways to correct a run on?

Misplaced Modifiers- MM

- A modifier that is placed too far away from the word it modifies (describes)
- When the modifier is not near the word it modifies, the meaning of the sentence may be unclear

Correcting Misplaced

- Always place the modifier as close as possible to the word it modifies

Examples:

We rented a limousine at Atlantic Station with tinted windows.

The misplaced modifier is *with tinted windows* because it should be near *limousine*.

- ## Double Negatives-DN
- Negative words are used to deny or to say no
 - A double negative are two negative words used when only one is needed
 - Do not use other negative words after contractions, such as hasn't and didn't
 - Common negative words include no, none, not, nothing, never, scarcely, barely & hardly.

Correcting Double Negatives

- Instead of using two negative words, use one of the following:

any

anything

ever

Examples & Corrections

- The lightning didn't change nothing.

The use of the contraction n't and nothing makes up a double negative.

- The lightning didn't change anything.

Practice

Label and correct any run-on, misplaced modifier, or double

1. Lopez didn't make no free throws.
2. Money doesn't grow on trees, you have to work for it.
3. The reading novel was interesting by Walter Mosely.
4. I don't want to eat nothing from that restaurant.
5. Running on the beach, the boat blew its horn.

Answers

1. Lopez didn't make **any** free throws. **DN**
2. Money doesn't grow on trees, **so** you have to work for it. **R-O**
3. The reading novel **by Walter Mosely** was interesting. **MM**
4. I don't want to eat **anything** from that restaurant. **DN**
5. Running on the beach, **I heard** the boat blow its horn. **MM**