

FUSED SENTENCES (RUN-ON SENTENCES)

Fused sentences occur when two main clauses (or two complete sentences) are connected without proper punctuation.

EX:

Martha went to the store she bought some bread. (FUSED SENTENCE)

Martha went to the store and she bought some bread. (FUSED SENTENCE)

Notice that there are two main clauses (i.e., two complete sentences) within these fused sentences:

Martha went to the store.

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She bought some bread.

SOLUTIONS

1. *Repair this fused sentence by separating into two complete sentences.*

EX:

Martha went to the store. She bought some bread. (FIXED)

2. *Repair this fused sentence by adding a semi-colon between the two complete sentences.*

EX:

Martha went to the store; she bought some bread. (FIXED)

3. *Repair this fused sentence by adding a semicolon, a conjunct, and comma between the two complete sentences.*

EX:

Martha went to the store; moreover, she bought some bread. (FIXED)

4. *Repair by adding a comma and a coordinating conjunction between the two complete sentences.*

EX:

Martha went to the store, and she bought some bread. (FIXED)

5. *Repair by changing one of the sentences into a subordinate clause by adding a subordinator*

EX:

When Martha went to the store she bought some bread. (FIXED)