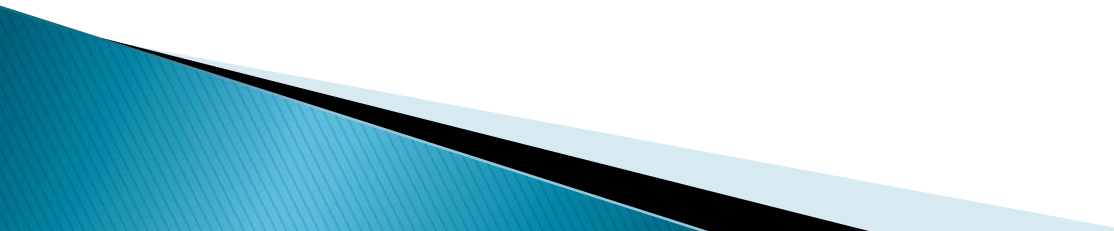


Run-On Sentences

- ▶ Coordination can be tricky if one is not careful.
 - ▶ Sometimes, as a result of carelessness or ignorance, we leave out certain punctuation marks or even miss out on coordinators.
 - ▶ The result is a grammatically-incorrect sentence that is called a **run-on**.
- 

Run-On Sentences

- ▶ We've already met the **comma splice**.
- ▶ A comma splice is simply **two independent clauses** connected by a comma.
- ▶ *3.1 It is nearly half past five, we cannot reach the town before dark.*
- ▶ This example looks correct. Its only error is that the comma is being used for the wrong purposes.
- ▶ The comma has many uses, but this is not one of them.

Run-On Sentences

- ▶ The comma is only used in coordination if a coordinator is present.
- ▶ It is usually used with **but** or **yet**.
 - *I wanted to go home, but the rain was coming down hard.*
 - *It was raining very hard, yet I ran to my car.*

Run-On Sentences

- ▶ Other times, the run-on sentence might look like this:
- ▶ *3.2 It is nearly half past five we cannot reach the town before dark.*
- ▶ In this case, the two independent clauses are simply mashed together without any coordinator or punctuation.
- ▶ This error is easy enough to spot if you read it.
 - The lack of punctuation makes the sentence “run-on”; it does not pause the way a sentence with a semicolon or comma would.

Run-On Sentences

- ▶ Fixing run-ons:
- ▶ Add a coordinator.
 - *It is nearly half past five, so we cannot reach the town before dark.*
- ▶ Add a semicolon.
 - *It is nearly half past five; we cannot reach the town before dark.*

Run-On Sentences

- ▶ Remember that it is actually possible to have a grammatically correct sentence that *looks* like a run-on due to its length.
- ▶ *It is nearly half past five, so we cannot reach the town before dark, but we can camp here and take turns keeping guard, and the warforged doesn't sleep anyway.*

