



## Writing Centre

### Run-on Sentences

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A **run-on sentence** error occurs when two complete sentences (ideas) are combined together incorrectly.

For example: *Ann loved travelling in France she felt Paris was too cold.*

This sentence has two independent clauses that are not correctly connected, so the sentence is a run-on.

There are **four ways** to correct run-on sentences:

1. Check for two independent clauses and write them as two independent sentences.

*Ann loved travelling in France. She felt Paris was too cold.*

2. Use a semicolon to separate two independent clauses.

*Ann loved travelling in France; she felt Paris was too cold.*

3. Use a comma before any of the following coordinating conjunctions.

*for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*

*Ann loved travelling in France, but she felt Paris was too cold.*

4. Use a semicolon followed by one of the following words subordinating conjunctions.

*therefore, however, also, nevertheless, thus, furthermore, consequently*

*Ann loved travelling in France; however, she felt Paris was too cold.*