

Run-ons Worksheet (5 points)

Reminder: A "clause" is a group of words that contains an active verb which discloses information or describes an action done by a subject that is in the clause.

Examples:

- **Correctly formed compound sentence**
(*independent clause* + *subordinated clause*)
 - (The girl ran into the boy) + (because she wasn't looking)
- **Correctly formed simple sentence with modifying phrase**
(*independent clause*) + (*prepositional phrase*)
 - (The girl ran into the boy) + (in the striped shirt).
- **Incorrectly formed run-on sentence.**
(*independent clause*) + (*independent clause*)
 - (The girl ran into the boy)(he hit her to get even).

Identify each of the following sentences as either a correct or a run-on sentence. If the sentence incorrectly joins or coordinates independent clauses, make the necessary corrections to the sentence. If the sentence is fine, label it "correct."

1. The thunderstorm is getting closer, the weather report said that winds would be high.
2. Things are not always what they seem, and that's what worries me.
3. Ken is usually in a better mood he seems to be angry about something.
4. We didn't invite them because they've always hated to drive at night.
5. The bottom step is broken, be careful going downstairs.
6. Since she can keep a secret, there's no reason to whisper.
7. The semester is ending, it's going to be Christmas soon.
8. When you've finished fixing the mower, please cut the lawn.
9. She was the wrong woman, however he was fascinated by her.
10. He wanted to climb the highest mountain and swim the deepest river, but he had to settle for getting a good job.
11. The child held her breath; she dove under the water.