A run-on sentence joins together two or more sentences that should be written separately. You can correct run-on sentences by separating the complete ideas into separate sentences or by rewriting run-on sentences as compound sentences.

Correct the following run-on sentences.

1. San Pablo Estia is on the edge of a valley. Lupe's father built their house on the mountainside.

   add a period or and

2. Lupe found Pippiolo asleep inside an old shoe. She saw greatness when he opened his eyes.

   or, but

3. The roof dogs guarded the roofs. They would bark furiously down at Lupe and Pippiolo.

   or and

4. Pippiolo slipped into a cornfield. Lupe followed him.

   and

5. Pippiolo barked all the dogs jumped down onto the pile of oranges in the truck.

   or and

6. Lupe took a walk over to the village of Viquera. It was a longer route to her school.

   or and

At Home: Proofread a recent writing assignment, looking for and correcting run-on sentences.
You can correct a run-on sentence in several ways.

- Correct a run-on sentence by separating its complete thoughts into separate sentences.
- Correct a run-on sentence by rewriting it as a compound sentence.

Correct the run-on sentences below either by separating them as two sentences or by rewriting them as a compound sentence.

1. Lupe lived in San Pablo Eta, the village is in southern Mexico.
   or, and

2. The roof dogs would run to the edge of their roofs, they would bark furiously at Lupe and Pipiolo.
   or, and

3. The dogs didn't frighten Lupe, she knew they were the ones who were frightened.
   or, but

4. Pipiolo was lucky Lupe didn't have a flat roof, Papa would have put him up there.
   or

5. Lupe gave each roof dog a tuft of grass, she saved the piece with a flower for Chulita.
   or, and

6. Lupe continued to dig up grass, Pipiolo slept in the shade.
   or, and
A **run-on sentence** joins together two or more sentences that should be written separately. You can correct a run-on sentence by separating the two complete ideas into two sentences. You can also rewrite a run-on sentence as a compound sentence.

A **sentence fragment** is a group of words that does not contain a complete thought. A fragment may be missing a subject, a verb, or both. You can correct a fragment by adding the missing part of speech.

Correct the run-on sentences below by writing separate sentences or compound sentences.

1. Pipiolo was a perky puppy he loved to run in the mountains.

2. The village of San Pablo Etna is very small, it is on the edge of a wide valley in southern Mexico.

3. The roof dogs smelled the aromas of freedom they missed the smell of freshly dug earth.

Correct the sentence fragments below by adding a subject, a verb, or both. Write the new sentences on the lines provided.

4. Commanded the roof dogs to escape.

5. Was the only dog left on the truck.

6. The big truck.

**At Home:** Write a journal entry about dogs. Proofread a partner's paper for capitalization and punctuation.
Proofread the following paragraph. Rewrite it correctly on the lines provided.

Pipiolo and Chulita went on many adventures together; they traveled over mountains, across prairies, and through forests. Wherever they went, they helped more roof dogs escape to freedom. They even made a few friends along the way.

One day, they came across the village of Viquera; there were many dogs trapped on the flat, concrete roofs. Pipiolo came up with a plan to set them all free. Chulita told the dogs about the plan. Because they were so excited, they barked loudly all day long.

Rewrite the corrected paragraph here.
Read each run-on sentence below. Circle the letter of the sentence that shows the best way to correct the run-on sentence.

1. The roof dogs of the village were happy Pippiolo showed them how to escape.
   a. The roof dogs of the village were happy after Pippiolo showed them how to escape.
   b. The roof dogs of the village were happy and Pippiolo showed them how to escape.
   c. The roof dogs of the village were happy, Pippiolo showed them how to escape.

2. Because Lupe felt sorry for the roof dogs she wanted them to smell real earth.
   a. Because Lupe felt sorry for the roof dogs and she wanted them to smell real earth.
   b. Because Lupe felt sorry for the roof dogs, she wanted them to smell real earth.
   c. Because Lupe felt sorry for the roof dogs, so she wanted them to smell real earth.

3. Using her school ruler, Lupe dug up the grass she gave Chulita a piece with a flower.
   a. Using her school ruler, Lupe dug up the grass although she gave Chulita a piece with a flower.
   b. Using her school ruler, Lupe dug up the grass because she gave Chulita a piece with a flower.
   c. Using her school ruler, Lupe dug up the grass. She gave Chulita a piece with a flower.

4. Pippiolo is a smart dog Lupe must have been surprised by what he could do.
   a. Pippiolo is a smart dog if Lupe must have been surprised by what he could do.
   b. Pippiolo is a smart dog. Lupe must have been surprised by what he could do.
   c. Pippiolo is a smart dog when Lupe must have been surprised by what he could do.
Name: **Keys**

- A **noun** names a person, place, or thing.
- A **common noun** names any person, place, or thing.
- A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing.
- A **proper noun** begins with a capital letter.

Underline each common noun in the list. Circle each proper noun.
Some of the words are not nouns.

- Becky
- Shiloh
- town
- money
- him
- trouble
- family
- bathroom
- father
- cobbler
- he
- skin
- an
- argue
- Judd Travers
- dog
- Murphy
- Sunday
- head
- porch
- because
- leg
- minute
- town
- Marty Preston

Complete each sentence by using two of the nouns from the list above. *answers will vary*

1. There may be ____________ ahead for ________________.

2. He has taken in a runaway ________________ that belongs
to ________________.

3. Marty’s ________________ likes ________________ very much.

4. Marty’s ________________ takes the ticks out of Shiloh’s
______________.

5. Marty wants to earn ________________ by working in ________________.
A proper noun names a particular person, place, or thing.
Some proper nouns contain more than one word.
Days of the week, months of the year, and holidays are proper nouns.
A person's title is a proper noun.

Read each sentence. Then write it correctly on the line.

1. This story takes place in the state of west virginia.

2. marty hopes that dad will go to see judd travers.

3. marty thinks that he can earn money by delivering papers on fridays.

4. If marty finds work in town, he can pay doc murphy.

5. marty looks for work in friendly, west virginia.

6. dara lynn brushes shiloh with an old hairbrush.

7. Even david howard had something to say about the dog.

8. marty asks mr. wallace about delivering newspapers.

9. Marty's father's name is ray preston.

10. By sunday, marty must bring the dog back to mr. travers.

At Home: List the days of the week and the months of the year. Using these nouns, write 10 sentences.
A proper noun always begins with a capital letter. When a proper noun contains more than one word, capitalize each important word. Capitalize the first letter of a common noun only if it is the first word in a sentence.

Write a proper noun that names an example of each common noun.

1. day of the week
2. month
3. name of a state
4. name of a country
5. name of a holiday

Write the following sentences correctly.

6. marty thinks it’s strange having shiloh in the house.

7. marty could work on thursdays, fridays, and saturdays.

8. He could work in july, and in august, too.

9. marty talks about shiloh with dara lynn and becky.

10. At the grocery store, mr. wallace sees marty looking at the bulletin board.

Answers will vary

At Home: Draw a scene from the story and label common and proper nouns. Then write a one-sentence caption.
• Capitalize every proper noun.
• Capitalize important words in proper nouns with more than one word.
• Capitalize common nouns only when they begin a sentence.

Circle capitalization mistakes. Then rewrite the passage correctly.

marty preston takes home a runaway Dog. It seems to marty as though the dog has been mistreated by his Owner, judd travers. mr. travers has the reputation of being mean and nasty.

mr. and mrs. preston, Marty’s Parents, know that their son has grown fond of the dog, whom he has named shiloh. marty takes the dog to the Animal Doctor, doc murphy. judd travers is angry when he finds out that the Dog has been injured. mr. preston says that his son will pay for the Animal Doctor.

Rewrite corrected paragraph here
• A noun names a person, place, or thing.
• A common noun names any person, place, or thing.
• A proper noun names a particular person, place, or thing.
• A proper noun begins with a capital letter.

Read each sentence. Underline all nouns. Underline proper nouns twice.

1. When Dad came home, he found Shiloh in the house.

2. While Marty was in the bathroom, Dad let the dog lick the plate.

3. Marty is worried about paying Doc Murphy's bill.

4. Ma hums to Shiloh as though he were a baby in a cradle.

5. Mr. Wallace runs a grocery in Friendly, West Virginia.

6. Shiloh is a very friendly dog.

7. At first, Marty tries to keep Shiloh a secret.

8. Becky feeds the dog little pieces of toast.


10. Shiloh is like a member of the family.