

Practice: The Run-On Sentence

Fact: A sentence is a group of words that makes complete sense. Every sentence starts in only one way: a capital letter. There are only three ways to end a sentence: a period, an exclamation point, or a question mark.

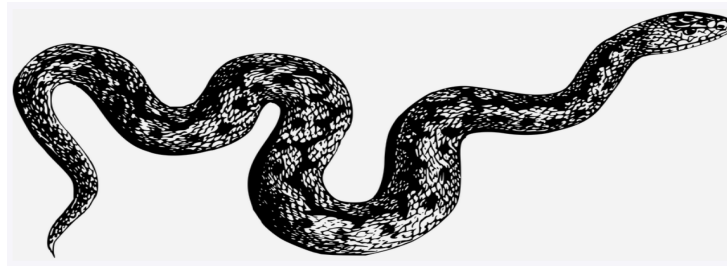
Why do students write run-on (rambling) sentences? It is because either:

- 1) They have so much to say and they are in such a rush to write it down that they forget starting and stopping their sentences.
- 2) They do not take their time and are not as careful as they should be.

Students are taught how to start and stop a sentence when they first learn to write. Avoiding run-on sentences is a skill that every student in elementary school should master.

Task 1: Take a piece of lined paper and put your name on it. Then you will divide the words below into four sentences but leave them in a single paragraph. Don't add or remove any words. Write neatly.

Snakes are cold-blooded creatures they are only as hot or cold as the air around them that is why you don't find many snakes in cool countries such as Norway it's simply too chilly for them to stay alive



Task 2: You are running a tourist hotel in Greece and your staff has written an advertisement to be used in the brochure for the hotel. Correct the poorly-written advertisement so it is ready to be printed. Don't add or remove any words. Do this on the same piece of lined paper and write neatly. (After you are done you may want to draw a picture of the entrance to your hotel or any part of the facility!)

Come and enjoy a relaxing holiday at the Dolphin Hotel it is very near a clean beach and there are plenty of shops nearby the hotel is situated in a quiet area and has its own large swimming pool

The rooms are spacious and clean, and each one has its own private bath and shower with hot and cold water there is a color TV in each room and a telephone if you want to call room service food is available twenty-four hours a day

Our staff are friendly and we offer a high level of service you will find everybody helpful and cheerful there is always someone at the front desk to help you with any problems

The hotel has two elevators there is a lounge with comfortable armchairs and a wide selection of newspapers and magazines the hotel restaurant never closes before two in the morning come and visit the Dolphin Hotel

Answers

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