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## 13.10 Run-on Sentences

### Key Information

A <b>run-on sentence</b> consists of two or more complete sentences presented as though they were one sentence.		NO PUNCTUATION:	I gave the first speech I was nervous.
There are three basic types of run-on sentences.		CORRECTED:	I gave the first speech. I was nervous.
COMMA SPLICE:	I called Mark with the news, he called Sara.	CORRECTED:	I gave the first speech; I was nervous.
CORRECTED:	I called Mark with the news. Then he called Sara.	CORRECTED:	I gave the first speech, and I was nervous.
CORRECTED:	I called Mark with the news, and then he called Sara.	NO COMMA BEFORE THE CONJUNCTION:	My sister drives to school each day but I still take the bus.
		CORRECTED:	My sister drives to school each day, but I still take the bus.

### A. Identifying Run-on Sentences

Write whether each of the following sentences is a *run-on* or a *correct* sentence.

- correct   run-on   1. Many jazz critics consider Duke Ellington's big band the most talented group of all time, some think Count Basie's band was more exciting.
- correct   run-on   2. The bands' differences could be seen in their leaders, for Ellington was sophisticated and sometimes very showy while Basie was less pretentious and more direct.
- correct   run-on   3. Despite these differences an amazing event occurred in 1961 when the two entire bands played together in a New York recording studio it was the first and last time the bands ever combined their talents.
- correct   run-on   4. The members of both all-star bands crammed into the studio, and the Count and the Duke sat across from each other at twin grand pianos.
- correct   run-on   5. The recording that resulted from this collaboration is truly a classic, it was as if the two great basketball players Larry Bird and Michael Jordan teamed up only once to play on the same team.

### B. Correcting Run-on Sentences

Choose any two of the sentences above that you identified as run-ons, and write correct versions of them. *Answers will vary.*

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