

Practice Workbook 9

Mechanics: Capitalizing and Punctuating Sentences

A **run-on sentence** joins together two or more sentences that should be written separately.

We took a camping trip, the campgrounds were full.

One way to correct a run-on sentence is by separating the simple sentences with a comma and the word **and**, **but**, or **or**.

We took a camping trip, but the campgrounds were full.

Another way to correct a run-on sentence is to completely separate the simple sentences.

We took a camping trip. The campgrounds were full.

A semicolon can also separate the sentences.

We took a camping trip; the campgrounds were full.

A. Write correct or run-on next to each sentence.

1. It's a busy season, many people vacation here. _____

2. We traveled far and wanted to stay. _____

3. We asked about the woods; the park ranger pointed this way. _____

4. We drove several miles, we arrived at the woods. _____

5. We set up our tent and built a fire. _____

B. Correct the run-on sentences. Write each sentence.

6. Suddenly we heard a noise in the woods, we looked around.

7. We had a surprise visitor, it was not a person.

8. A bear came into view, we jumped up.

