

Sentence Detective

Grammar and Usage

Instructions:

Read each statement and determine if it is a complete sentence, a run-on, or a fragment. Circle the letter on the right that corresponds to your answer. If the statement is a run-on or a fragment, rewrite it on the line below. Then transfer the letter you circled to the matching-number line at the bottom of the page to solve the riddle!

Helpful Hint:

A fragment is not a complete sentence because it is missing a subject or predicate.

Examples:

Want to play outside after lunch.
When I went to camp.

A run-on is more than one sentence combined into one.

Examples:

John wants to play football, he is going to try out for the team next year.
The food smells delicious, what is it?

A complete sentence has a subject, a predicate, and all the correct punctuation.

Examples:

My brother stayed home while I went to the park.
Eddie wanted to go to the movies, but Elizabeth did not.



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	Complete	Run-On	Fragment
1. Is going to the movies.	A	M	L
2. On rainy days, I like to curl up on the couch and read.	U	O	E
3. Jennifer and Erin ran all the way to school, they got very tired.	F	N	D
4. Morgan liked the blue jacket the best.	C	I	P
5. After taking the dog for a walk, Josh ate breakfast.	H	W	S
6. Kristin likes to hike, but Jared does not, he likes running instead.	T	D	U
7. If you finish your dinner.	K	R	I
8. Because he was trying hard to win the game!	B	G	N
9. My favorite food is pizza. It is delicious.	J	N	V
10. When I'm ready to play.	Y	O	E
11. It's a beautiful day, the sky is blue and the sun is shining.	S	R	T

RIDDLE: What two things can you never eat for breakfast?
ANSWER: 1 2 3 4 5 and 6 7 8 9 10 11 !

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Answer Key

Rewritten sentences may vary.

	Complete	Run-On	Fragment
1. Is going to the movies. <u>Peter is going to the movies.</u>	A	M	L
2. On rainy days, I like to curl up on the couch and read. _____	U	O	E
3. Jennifer and Erin ran all the way to school, they got very tired. <u>Jennifer and Erin ran all the way to school. They were very tired.</u>	F	N	D
4. Morgan liked the blue jacket the best. _____	C	I	P
5. After taking the dog for a walk, Josh ate breakfast. _____	H	W	S
6. Kristin likes to hike, but Jared does not, he likes running instead. <u>Kristin likes to hike, but Jared does not. He likes running instead.</u>	T	D	U
7. If you finish your dinner. <u>If you finish your dinner, you can have dessert.</u>	K	R	I
8. Because he was trying hard to win the game! <u>He was trying hard to win the game!</u>	B	G	N
9. My favorite food is pizza, it is delicious. <u>My favorite food is pizza. It is delicious.</u>	J	N	V
10. When I'm ready to play. <u>When I'm ready to play, I'll call you.</u>	Y	O	E
11. It's a beautiful day, the sky is blue and the sun is shining. <u>It's a beautiful day. The sky is blue, and the sun is shining.</u>	S	R	T

RIDDLE: What two things can you never eat for breakfast?

ANSWER: $\frac{l}{1} \frac{u}{2} \frac{n}{3} \frac{c}{4} \frac{h}{5}$ and $\frac{d}{6} \frac{i}{7} \frac{n}{8} \frac{n}{9} \frac{e}{10} \frac{r}{11}$!