

## Fragments and Run-On Sentences .....

### What is a fragment?

A fragment is an incomplete sentence because it lacks a subject, verb, or both. It also does not express a *complete thought*, and begs for more information.

### Basic components of a complete sentence:

- ✓ **Subject** (who/what the sentence is about; the actor in the sentence)
- ✓ **Predicate** (verb or action; what the subject is doing)



### Fragment:

Because his car was in the shop.

### Sentence:

John took the bus because his car was in the shop.



### What is a run-on sentence?

Run-on sentences are two complete sentences written into one sentence without joining them properly with coordinating conjunctions or punctuation.

### Ways to correct run-ons:

- ✓ Use a comma and coordinating conjunction
- ✓ Use a semicolon
- ✓ Use a period to separate into two sentences
- ✓ Use a long dash

✗ Run-on: My favorite food is pizza I could eat it every day.

<b>Comma &amp; Coordinating Conjunction</b>	My favorite food is pizza, <b>and</b> I could eat it every day.
<b>Semicolon</b>	My favorite food is pizza; I could eat it every day.
<b>Period/Separate Sentences</b>	My favorite food is pizza. I could eat it every day.
<b>Long Dash</b>	My favorite food is pizza—I could eat it every day.

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