



Run-On Sentences



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Learning Goal:

Students will learn to recognize and correct run-on and rambling sentences.

Activate

Students will read a text message and activate their prior knowledge about run-on sentences.

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Understand

Students will recognize run-on sentences and correct them.

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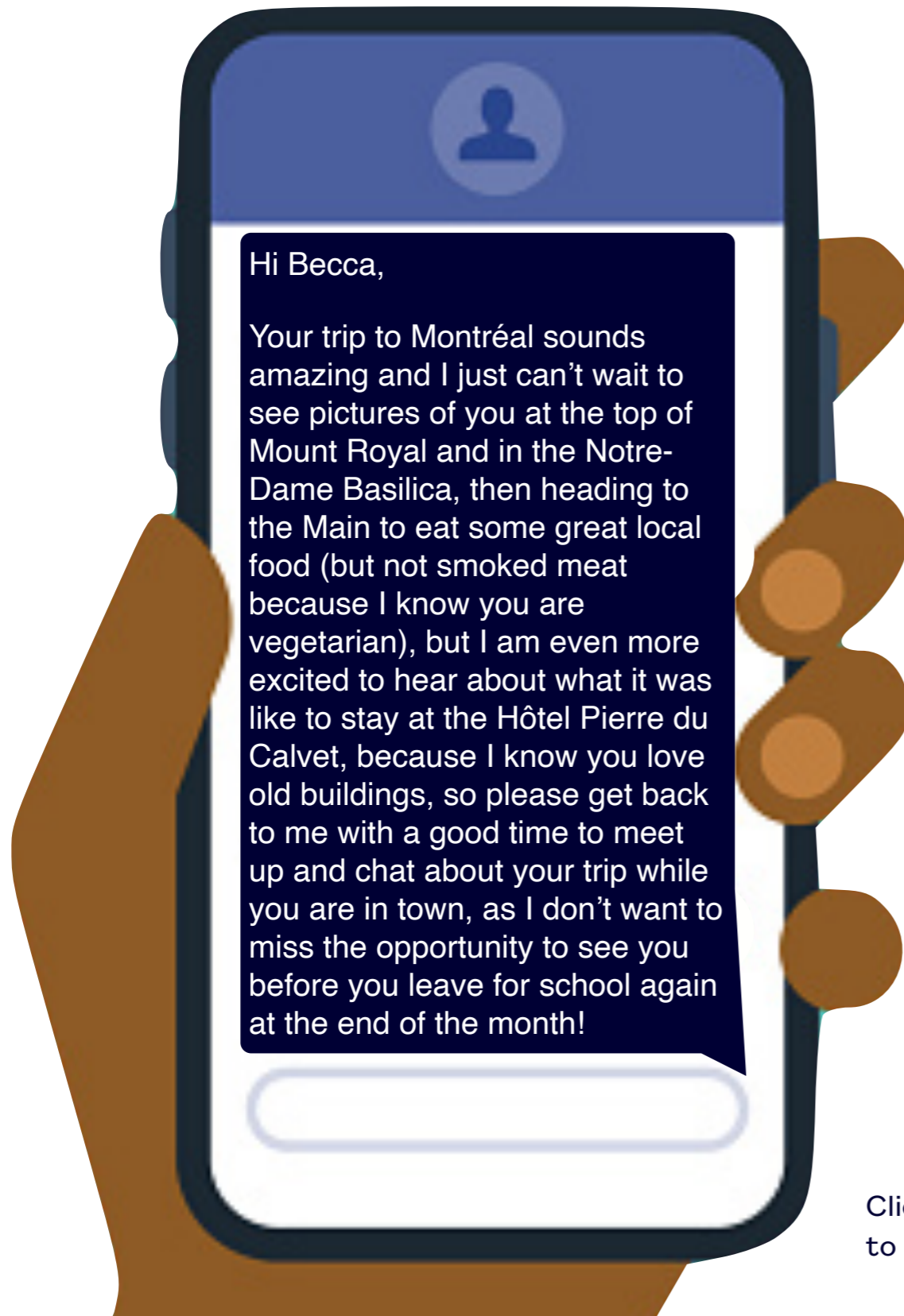
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Students will discuss the impact of run-on and rambling sentences.

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Activate

Activating Prior Knowledge



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Class Discussion

What makes the sentence in the text difficult to read?

What are some reasons to avoid these types of sentences in everyday life?

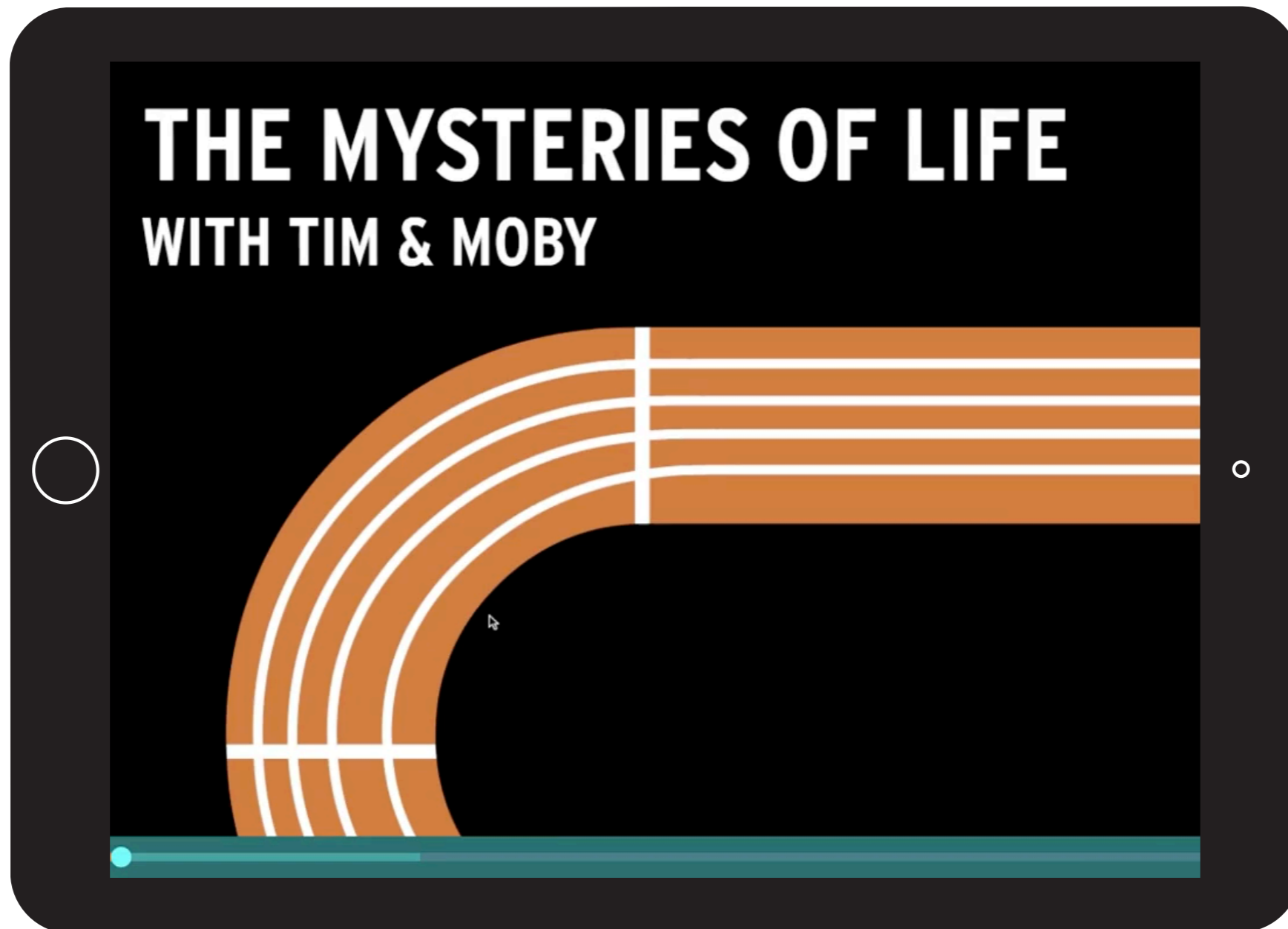
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Understand

What Is a Run-On Sentence?

Many people would think the sentence in the text on the previous page is a run-on sentence. In fact, it's not a run-on sentence, but rather a rambling sentence. Nevertheless, both types of sentences should be avoided. You may ask: If this sentence that runs on and on isn't a run-on sentence, what *is* a run-on sentence?



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sentences**



Recognizing Run-On Sentences

There are two main problems that lead to run-on sentences and several ways to fix them.

PROBLEM #1

Sometimes two or more complete sentences are run together without any joining words or punctuation between them.

We went to the lake we saw a wakeboarder.

PROBLEM #2

Sometimes a new complete thought is separated from the previous thought only by a comma.

We went to the lake, we saw a wakeboarder.

Myth vs Fact

Myth:

A run-on sentence is a really long sentence.

Fact:

A very long sentence is not necessarily incorrect. It depends on whether the sentence is properly punctuated.

Fixing Run-On Sentences

There are several ways to fix both problems from the previous page.

Solution #1

We went to the lake we saw a wakeboarder.

Solution #2

We went to the lake we saw a wakeboarder.

Solution #3

We went to the lake we saw a wakeboarder.

Solution #4

We went to the lake we saw a wakeboarder.

Practice: Correcting Run-On and Rambling Sentences

Understand

Rewrite each of the following rambling or run-on sentences.

1. I finished studying for my science test, I have not begun my social studies homework.

Insert text here

2. Maya finished the test she gave it to her teacher, unlike the last time, she was certain she would receive a good mark.

Insert text here

3. The sky kept getting darker and soon the rain began to fall and it fell all day so our plans for a picnic seemed ruined, but then we spread out everything in the living room and had an indoor picnic instead.

Insert text here


4. Marcus has a piano lesson after that he has homework he is too busy to go with us.

Insert text here

Practice: Recognizing and Fixing Run-On Sentences

Understand

In the paragraph below, highlight or underline the run-on sentences.

Press  then *Drawing* to access a highlighter.

Nachos are my favourite food, I always ask my parents if we can order nachos whenever we go out to eat. The first time I had nachos was when my mom made them in the oven, we devoured them. Ever since then, whenever anyone asks me what I want to eat, I request nachos. There are so many different toppings you can put on nachos, I love adding olives and onions. When my brother makes nachos, he always puts so much cheese, I'm too lazy to put that much, shredding cheese takes so much time.

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On the following page, rewrite each run-on sentence you identified to correct the problem.

Practice: Recognizing and Fixing Run-On Sentences

Understand

Rewrite each run-on sentence you identified to correct the problem. **There is more than one way to fix the sentences.**



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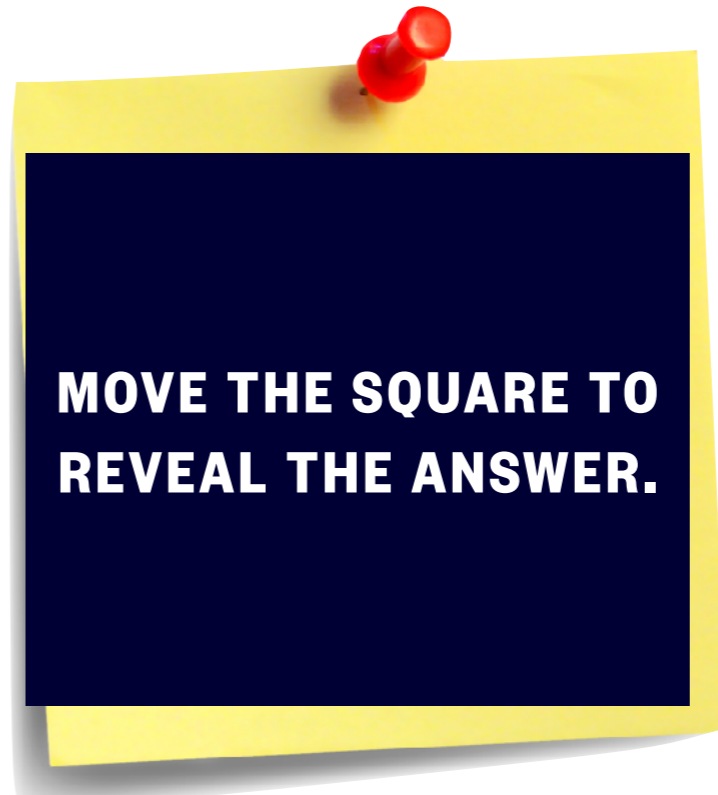
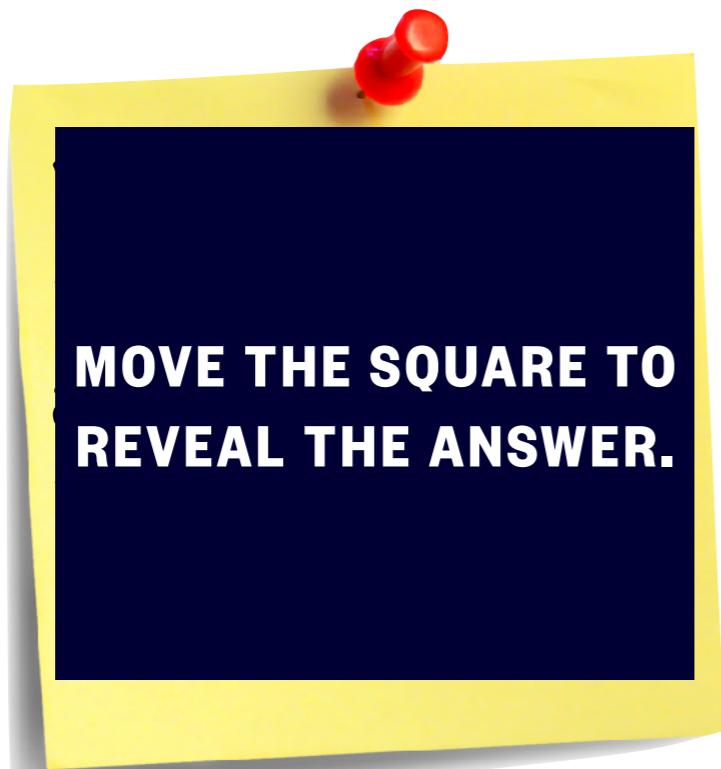
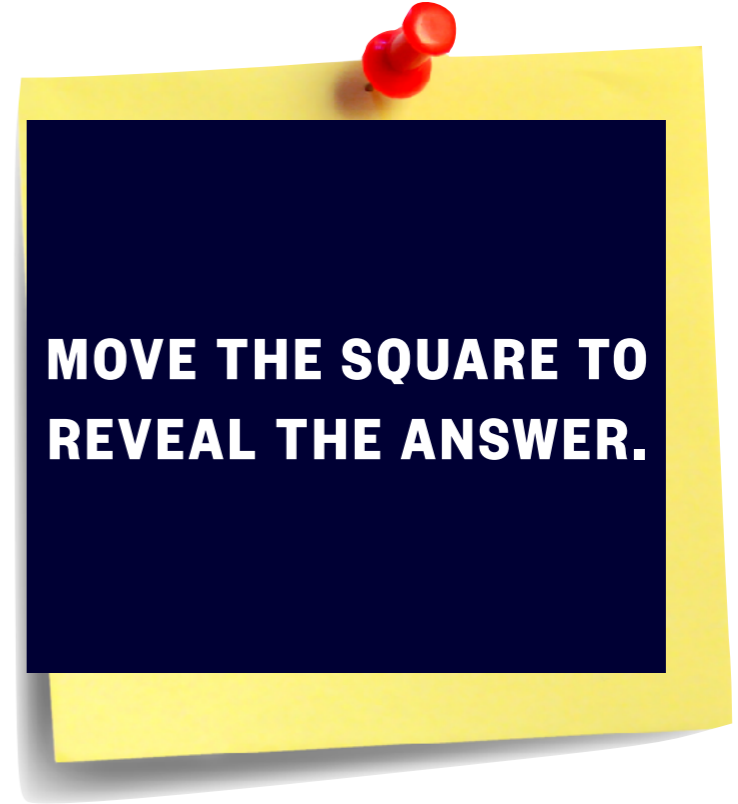
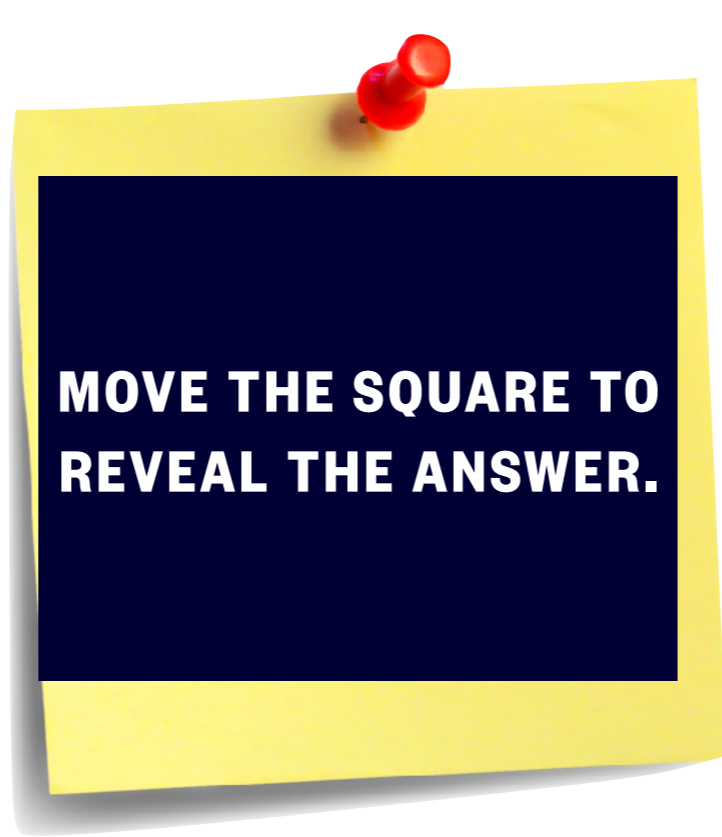
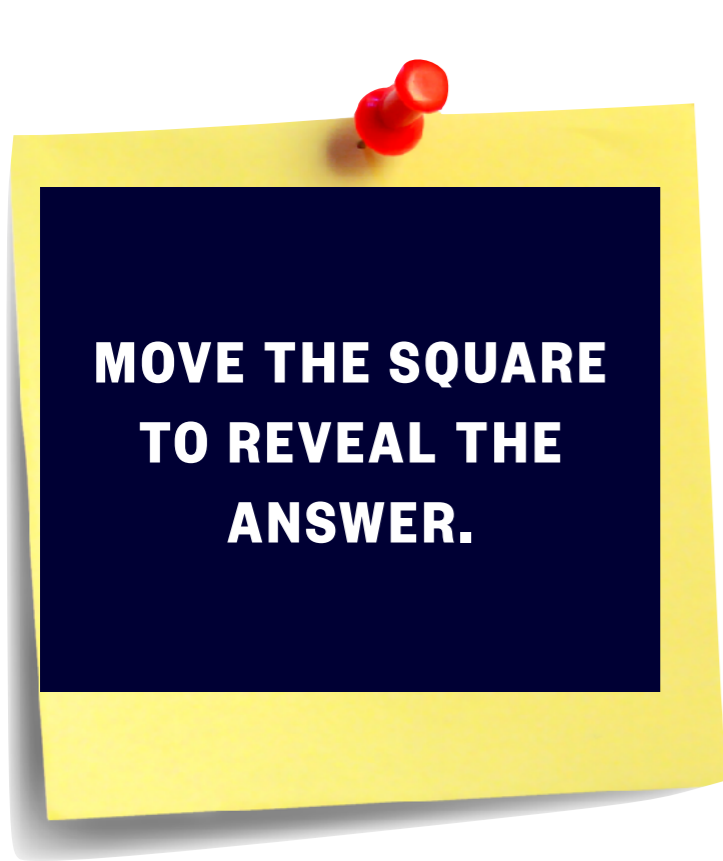


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Sample Answers: Recognizing and Fixing Run-On Sentences



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Writing and Representing

Author Jarod Kintz once said, “I want to write the Boston marathon of run-on sentences.” Attempt to write the longest sentence among your classmates.

Your sentence must be properly punctuated and not be a run-on sentence.


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Class Discussion: Even if your sentence is not a run-on sentence, is it still an example of poor writing? Why or why not?

Rewrite your sentence so it is not a rambling sentence.

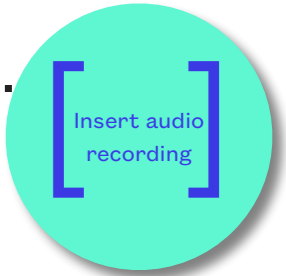
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Speaking and Listening

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record your voice.

Your Task:

- Record your own spoken play-by-play account of your favourite sport or movie. Your account should be about 1 minute.
- Listen to your play-by-play account and write your words down exactly as you said them.
- How many run-on sentences and rambling sentences did you use in the spoken version? If necessary, revise the written version, fixing any run-on or rambling sentences.



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Applying Knowledge

Identify and fix the rambling sentences in the paragraph below.

Different genres of movies can be filled with clichés, and these clichés may have been effective the first time they were used, but now people have seen them so many times, they just come across as unoriginal and uninteresting, but sometimes, the clichés never made much sense to begin with. For example, in alien movies, aliens of the same species all dress the same, they usually speak English, but their English often sounds slightly unnatural, such as they don't use contractions (for example, they would say "do not" instead of "don't"), aliens don't understand concepts like love, and aliens don't have a sense of humour.

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Group discussion: What impression do all the rambling sentences in the paragraph give the reader?

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Reflection

Answer the reflection questions below.

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What did you learn about run-on sentences that surprised you or that you hadn't heard before?



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How will you avoid using run-on or rambling sentences?

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Insert text here
