

Run-on sentence or fused sentence

- *Students writing in a hurry or under pressure lose a sense of sentence boundaries their ideas are coming thick and fast.*

A run-on or fused sentence is one in which two sentences follow each other without punctuation to separate them.

Solutions

1. *Separate* the two sentences.

- *Students writing in a hurry or under pressure lose a sense of sentence boundaries .Their ideas are coming thick and fast.*

2. *Join* the two sentences appropriately.

Option A: Use a semi- colon. A semi-colon joins two sentences but does not explain what the connection is.

- *Students writing in a hurry or under pressure lose a sense of sentence boundaries; their ideas are coming thick and fast.*

Option B: Add a comma and an appropriate conjunction. A conjunction shows the relationship between the two sentences. In the example below, it is one of cause and effect.

- *Students writing in a hurry or under pressure lose a sense of sentence boundaries, because their ideas are coming thick and fast.*

Another form of run-on

Sentences can be correctly punctuated but still sound out of control or run on.

- *Students writing in a hurry or under pressure lose a sense of sentence boundaries because their ideas are coming thick and fast, and if they don't take the time to go back and reread, they won't even realize that their sentences sound breathless and that the reader feels rushed.*

Solution

Break it up.

- *Students writing in a hurry or under pressure lose a sense of sentence boundaries, because their ideas are coming thick and fast. If they don't take the time to go back and reread, they won't even realize that their sentences sound breathless and the reader feels rushed.*