



Identifying and Fixing Run-On, Fused Sentences ¹

Level: Advanced (C-Level)

Practice 1

Instructions. [Based on this lesson](#), identify and fix the run-on, fused sentences. There may be multiple ways to correct each sentence. When you are done, see "Answer Key" to check your answers.

1. In the US, voting is a right people vote only if they want to participate in the political process.

Correction (if needed):

2. Many of the people surveyed had a college degree most had a high-school diploma or some college.

Correction (if needed):

3. College students often struggle in their first year by the time they finish their third semester, they have usually found their footing.

Correction (if needed):

4. Opportunity does not always present itself sometimes you have to create it.

Correction (if needed):

5. Be careful about what you read online it is often misinformation designed to get clicks and views.

Correction (if needed):

6. If you often complete assignments incorrectly, do not blame the assignment ask yourself if you have read the instructions carefully enough.

Correction (if needed):

7. A new scholarship program has been launched this year hundreds of students will benefit from it.

Correction (if needed):

8. Students should apply for scholarships well before the semester starts.

Correction (if needed):

9. Nothing had changed in the company for over a decade the CEO then decided to update all operations.

Correction (if needed):

10. After the reporter asked the question repeatedly, the Senator gave in and answered it to everyone's surprise, he actually told the truth.

Correction (if needed):

11. You should be able to finish the task if you read the instructions thoroughly and complete each step carefully.

Correction (if needed):

12. Do you feel motivated to go to work each day if you do not, you may need to reevaluate your career.

Correction (if needed):



Answer Key

Many of the items have different possible corrections. If you are an instructor, you can use the opportunity to discuss the problem with an item and how the different corrections work.

- Possible correction 1:** In the US, voting is a right. People vote only if they want to participate in the political process.

Possible correction 2: In the US, voting is a right, so people vote only if they want to participate in the political process.

Possible correction 3: In the US, voting is a right so that people vote only if they want to participate in the political process.
- Possible correction 1:** Many of the people surveyed had a college degree. Most had a high-school diploma or some college.

Possible correction 2: Many of the people surveyed had a college degree whereas most had a high-school diploma or some college.
- Possible correction 1:** College students often struggle in their first year. By the time they finish their third semester, they have usually found their footing.

Possible correction 2: Although college students often struggle in their first year, they have usually found their footing by the time they finish their third semester.
- Correction:** Opportunity does not always present itself. Sometimes you have to create it.
- Possible correction 1:** Be careful about what you read online. It is often misinformation designed to get views.

Possible correction 2: Be careful about what you read online as it is often misinformation designed to get views.
- Possible correction 1:** If you often complete assignments incorrectly, do not blame the assignment. Ask yourself if you have read the instructions carefully enough.

Possible correction 2: If you often complete assignments incorrectly, do not blame the assignment. Instead, ask yourself if you have read the instructions carefully enough.
- Possible correction 1:** A new scholarship program has been launched this year. Hundreds of students will benefit from it.

Possible correction 2: A new scholarship program, from which hundreds of students will benefit, has been launched this year.



8. **No correction needed.** This is not a fused sentence. “Before the semester starts” is not an independent clause. It must be connected to the first portion of the sentence so it makes sense, and it needs no punctuation.
9. **Correction:** Nothing had changed in the company for over a decade. The CEO then decided to update all operations.
10. **Correction:** After the reporter asked the question repeatedly, the Senator gave in and answered it. To everyone’s surprise, he actually told the truth.
11. **No correction needed.** This is not a fused sentence. The independent sentence is “You should be able to finish the task.” Both other statements do not make sense unless they are part of the independent sentence, and they do not require any punctuation.
12. **Correction:** Do you feel motivated to go to work each day? If you do not, you may need to reevaluate your career.

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