

Run-On Sentences & Fragments

Part I

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, correct each of the following run on sentences. Come up with TWO ways to correctly rewrite each sentence.

1. The girls played basketball the boys played baseball.
2. Einstein is famous for $E=mc^2$ Edison is famous for the invention of the light bulb.
3. Justin Bieber is my favorite singer I love listening to the radio.
4. Americans shake hands when they meet the Japanese bow.
5. Mother's Day is always on a Sunday Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday.
6. William loved visiting Brooklyn Jess preferred just to stay in Manhattan.
7. My car broke down I need to buy a new one.
8. I want to learn Spanish Trudy wants to learn French.
9. People love peace they hate war.
10. My students love grammar they practice it constantly.
11. I hate getting up in the morning I need coffee before I can talk to anyone.

Part II

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, rewrite the following paragraph with correct sentence boundaries—you will mostly be changing punctuation and capitalization, not words or verb tenses. Be sure to keep the original meaning of the text.

Although penguins look clumsy on land. They are graceful in water. Their bodies are perfectly suited for swimming and diving. They are a streamlined torpedo shape. Their wings are shaped like flippers penguins use them to propel themselves through the water at speeds up to 30 miles per hour. Use their webbed feet to steer. Most penguins can even swim like porpoises. Leaping out of the water to breathe and then diving back in with one graceful motion. Penguins frequently need to dive deep to catch prey. Sometimes descending to depths of over a thousand feet. The water pressure can be great enough to collapse lungs. Penguins have special air chambers in their bodies. When a penguin dives the chambers squeeze air is forced into the lungs. The extra air keeps the lungs from collapsing. The chilly waters that penguins prefer would be too cold for most birds penguins are insulated by waterproof feathers and a thick layer of fat. Penguins more than make up for being awkward on land. By being perfectly suited for the water.