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Fragments and Run-Ons

A **complete sentence** is one and only one complete thought. It has a subject and a verb.

A **fragment** is not a complete thought. It is missing a subject or verb, or is only a clause that cannot stand alone.

A **run-on** is more than one complete thought put together without the proper punctuation (such as a comma/conjunction, a semicolon, or a period).

Directions: In each set of three lines below, identify which is a complete sentence (S), which is a fragment (F), and which is a run-on (R).

1	<input type="checkbox"/> Went to the mall. <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan went to the mall. <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan went to the mall he bought some new jeans.
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Samantha is nice, she helped me with my math. <input type="checkbox"/> Because Samantha is nice. <input type="checkbox"/> Because Samantha is nice, she helped me with my math.
3	<input type="checkbox"/> I can't go the movie; I have homework. <input type="checkbox"/> I can't go to the movie, I have homework. <input type="checkbox"/> Can't go to the movie.
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Have you seen <i>Sherlock Holmes</i> ? It's awesome! <input type="checkbox"/> Seen <i>Sherlock Holmes</i> ? Awesome! <input type="checkbox"/> Have you seen <i>Sherlock Holmes</i> , it's awesome!
5	<input type="checkbox"/> The main character in <i>Matched</i> is Cassia. <input type="checkbox"/> The main character in <i>Matched</i> , Cassia. <input type="checkbox"/> The main character in <i>Matched</i> is Cassia, she is matched to Xander.
6	<input type="checkbox"/> My dad bought us a new puppy last night his name is Patch. <input type="checkbox"/> My dad bought us a new puppy last night; his name is Patch. <input type="checkbox"/> Bought us a new puppy last night named Patch.
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Because I didn't study. <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't study, I failed the test. <input type="checkbox"/> Because I didn't study, I failed the test.
8	<input type="checkbox"/> Where did you go, you were going to sit with us at lunch. <input type="checkbox"/> Going to sit with us at lunch. <input type="checkbox"/> Where did you go? You were going to sit with us at lunch.
9	<input type="checkbox"/> I found a dollar on the ground I gave it to Mrs. Zdunich. <input type="checkbox"/> Found a dollar on the ground and gave it to Mrs. Zdunich. <input type="checkbox"/> I found a dollar on the ground and gave it to Mrs. Zdunich.
10	<input type="checkbox"/> My favorite book in all the world. <input type="checkbox"/> My favorite book in all the world is <i>The Princess Bride</i> ; it is funny! <input type="checkbox"/> My favorite book in all the world is <i>The Princess Bride</i> it is funny!