A **run-on or fused sentence** occurs when two complete sentences “run into” each other.

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*Ex.* Unfortunately, the zombies attacked before he was completely prepared the only weapon he could find was a spatula.

The writing is confusing when the two sentences “run into” one another.

**Can you find the two sentences in each example?**

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**There are three ways to fix a run-on or fused sentence:**

**NOTE:** Placing a comma between them will only create a comma splice—another grammatical issue. Instead, we want to separate them in one of three ways:

1. **Put a period between the two sentences.**

   The spring weather was beautiful. It was too bad she had homework to do.

2. **If the ideas are related, place a semicolon between the two sentences.**

   Current statistics regarding daily “screen time” for the average adult reveal an increasing dependence on technology; one might even call it an addiction.

3. **Insert a coordinating conjunction and a comma.**

   (To remember coordinating conjunctions, remember **FANBOYS:** for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)

   Unfortunately, the zombies attacked before he was completely prepared, and the only weapon he could find was a spatula.