



**Let's Talk About...**

**Avoiding Run-ons  
&**

**Properly Punctuating  
Clauses**



# Run-on Sentences

- You are using a run-on sentence when you put two or more complete sentences together into one sentence.

*My favorite Greek spread is hummus it is very garlicky.*





# Fixing Run-ons

This sentence actually contains two complete sentences.  
How could you fix it?

*My favorite Greek spread is hummus it is very garlicky.*

Hint: Do not simply add a comma or you will end up with a  
comma splice.



# Punctuation – Combining 2 Independent Clauses

- 1. **Period (.)** – simply break the run-on into 2 separate and complete sentences.
- 2. **Semi-colon (;)** – place a semi-colon in between the 2 independent clauses.
- 3. **Comma with a Coordinating Conjunction (, and)** – place a comma after the first independent clause, and then add a coordinating conjunction after the comma
- \*Don't forget that you can always turn one of the ICs into a DC!





# Coordinating Conjunctions

- **FANBOYS**
- The acronym **FANBOYS** is an easy way to remember the coordinating conjunctions.
- **F: For**
- **A: And**
- **N: Nor**
- **B: But**
- **O: Or**
- **Y: Yet**
- **S: So**





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