

Run-on sentences

Run-on sentences are incorrect. Run-on sentence errors occur when two main clauses occur together with no connector or incorrect punctuation between them.

Mario Vargas Llosa is a Nobel Prize-winning writer he also ran for president of Peru.*(INCORRECT)*

Run-on sentence errors can also when two main clauses are separated by a comma.

Mario Vargas Llosa is a Nobel Prize-winning writer, he also ran for president of Peru.*(INCORRECT)*

A run-on sentence can be corrected in several ways.

You can change one of the main clauses to a dependent clause by adding a **subordinating conjunction** such as *because, when, before, or although*.

Although Mario Vargas Llosa is best known as a Nobel Prize-winning writer, he also ran for president of Peru.

You can use a **coordinating conjunction** such as **and, but,yet,or,so, for** to connect two clauses and to form **a compound sentence**. Use **a comma** before the coordinating conjunction.

Mario Vargas Llosa is a Nobel Prize-winning writer. He also ran for president of Peru.

Mario Vargas Llosa is a Nobel Prize-winning writer; his books have been translated into more than thirty languages.