


# HOW TO FIX A RUN-ON SENTENCE

## FOUR EASY STRATEGIES



A **RUN-ON SENTENCE**, ALSO CALLED A **FUSED SENTENCE**, OCCURS WHEN TWO MAIN CLAUSES ARE CONNECTED WITH NO PUNCTUATION.

**FOR EXAMPLE**

Dennis the turkey wanted to trust the farmer it was difficult, as the man kept sharpening his knives and referring to Dennis as "dinner."

**FIX THE FOLLOWING FUSED SENTENCES WITH ONE OF THE FOUR STRATEGIES.**

Turkey is the traditional centerpiece of a Thanksgiving meal I've always wished for chicken instead.

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My favorite dessert to bake for the family is pecan pie it requires the least effort to make of all the pies.

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Edgar doesn't usually eat meat he finds it difficult to maintain his vegetarianism during holiday meals.

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### MORE SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

although	unless
as	until
if	while
provided that	whenever
though	whereas

**First Main Clause:** Dennis the turkey wanted to trust the farmer  
**Second Main Clause:** it was difficult, as the man kept sharpening his knives and referring to Dennis as "dinner."



THERE ARE FOUR EASY STRATEGIES FOR FIXING THIS MISTAKE.

SIMPLY ADD ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WHERE THE MAIN CLAUSES MEET.

### 1. PERIOD + CAPITAL LETTER

Dennis the turkey wanted to trust the **farmer**. It was difficult, as the man kept sharpening his knives and referring to Dennis as "dinner."

COME HERE, DINNER!

### 2. COMMA + COORDINATING CONJUNCTION

Dennis the turkey wanted to trust the **farmer**, **but** it was difficult, as the man kept sharpening his knives and referring to Dennis as "dinner."

REMEMBER THE COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS WITH THE ACRONYM **FANBOYS**.

for and nor but or yet so

HOW DID YOU LEARN TO FLY?!

### 3. SEMICOLON

Dennis the turkey wanted to trust the **farmer**; it was difficult, as the man kept sharpening his knives and referring to Dennis as "dinner."

A SEMICOLON CAN CONNECT TWO MAIN CLAUSES THAT ARE CLOSELY RELATED.

COME BACK, DENNIS!

### 4. SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION

Dennis the turkey wanted to trust the **farmer** **even though** it was difficult, as the man kept sharpening his knives and referring to Dennis as "dinner."

EXAMPLES OF SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS INCLUDE AFTER, BECAUSE, BEFORE, AND SINCE.

LOOKS LIKE THIS YEAR WE'LL BE HAVING TOFURKEY...