

Fragments and run-on sentences

A sentence needs a subject, a verb and a complete thought.

THE RULE

- **Fragment:** only part of a sentence. Walked up the trail.
- **Run-on:** two sentences run together. The lake was cold we swam.
- Fix a run-on with a period, or with a comma plus and, but or so.

RUN-ON The lake was cold we swam.

FIXED The lake was cold, **but** we swam.



① Circle S for a sentence, F for a fragment or R for a run-on.

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| 1. Walked along the river. | ☐ S ☐ F ☐ R | 2. We saw a mountain goat. | ☐ S ☐ F ☐ R |
| 3. It rained we ran. | ☐ S ☐ F ☐ R | 4. Because it was icy. | ☐ S ☐ F ☐ R |
| 5. Lake Louise is so blue. | ☐ S ☐ F ☐ R | 6. I slipped I fell down. | ☐ S ☐ F ☐ R |
| 7. Tall pines by the lake. | ☐ S ☐ F ☐ R | 8. Banff is in Alberta. | ☐ S ☐ F ☐ R |

② Fix each one. Write it as complete sentences.

9. We turned back. Because the trail was icy.

2 fixes

10. The elk drank from the river it did not see us.

2 fixes

11. After lunch at the lake. We hiked down.

2 fixes

③ Write two complete sentences about the hike in the picture.
