

## Practice Workbook 9

### Mechanics: Capitalizing and Punctuating Sentences

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A **run-on sentence** joins together two or more sentences that should be written separately.

We took a camping trip, the campgrounds were full.

One way to correct a run-on sentence is by separating the simple sentences with a comma and the word **and**, **but**, or **or**.

We took a camping trip, but the campgrounds were full.

Another way to correct a run-on sentence is to completely separate the simple sentences.

We took a camping trip. The campgrounds were full.

A semicolon can also separate the sentences.

We took a camping trip; the campgrounds were full.

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A. Write correct or run-on next to each sentence.

1. It's a busy season, many people vacation here. \_\_\_\_\_

2. We traveled far and wanted to stay. \_\_\_\_\_

3. We asked about the woods; the park ranger pointed this way. \_\_\_\_\_

4. We drove several miles, we arrived at the woods. \_\_\_\_\_

5. We set up our tent and built a fire. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Correct the run-on sentences. Write each sentence.

6. Suddenly we heard a noise in the woods, we looked around.

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7. We had a surprise visitor, it was not a person.

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8. A bear came into view, we jumped up.

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