Fragments and run-ons worksheet

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For grown-ups: 9 questions from our fragments and run-ons practice, easier ones first. Read a question aloud if your child wants that, then check together with the answer key on page 2. Circle one answer for each problem.

1. **Is this a complete sentence?**

   Sofia reads every night before bed.

   ○ **Complete** ○ **Fragment or run-on**

2. **Pick the complete sentence.**

   ○ **The big yellow bus.**
   ○ **Stopped at the corner.**
   ○ **The big yellow bus stopped.**

3. **Is this a complete sentence?**

   The kitten chased the yarn.

   ○ **Complete** ○ **Fragment or run-on**

4. **Is this a complete sentence?**

   When the bell rang.

   ○ **Complete** ○ **Fragment or run-on**

5. **Is this a complete sentence?**

   Jumping over the puddles.

   ○ **Complete** ○ **Fragment or run-on**

6. **Is this a complete sentence?**

   Noah called his grandma, and she told him a story.

   ○ **Complete** ○ **Fragment or run-on**

7. **Is this a complete sentence?**

   I like apples they are crunchy.

   ○ **Complete** ○ **Fragment or run-on**

8. **Is this a complete sentence?**

   Hurry!

   ○ **Complete** ○ **Fragment or run-on**

9. **Is this a complete sentence?**

   The movie was long it was also boring.

   ○ **Complete** ○ **Fragment or run-on**

Answer key: Fragments and run-ons

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1. **Complete**
   Sofia is the subject and reads is the verb. It is one complete thought.
2. **The big yellow bus stopped.**
   The big yellow bus is the subject and stopped is the verb, so it is complete.
3. **Complete**
   The kitten (subject) chased (verb) the yarn. It is a complete thought.
4. **Fragment or run-on**
   This is a fragment. It leaves you waiting: when the bell rang, what happened?
5. **Fragment or run-on**
   This is a fragment. Nobody is named, so we do not know who is jumping.
6. **Complete**
   Two complete thoughts are joined correctly with a comma and the word "and."
7. **Fragment or run-on**
   This is a run-on. Two complete thoughts are stuck together with nothing between them.
8. **Complete**
   Yes! A command is complete even when it is one word, because the subject "you" is understood.
9. **Fragment or run-on**
   This is a run-on. It needs a period or a comma and "and" between the two thoughts.