

## Lesson • P.7 Run-on Sentences



In the previous lesson, we covered one method of correcting a run-on sentence: splitting it into two sentences. Here is another method to use:

### **Correction method #2:**

Insert a comma followed by a **coordinating conjunction** (and, or, but).

A coordinating conjunction can connect two **independent clauses** (complete statements) into one sentence. (This is called a **compound sentence**.)

Three very useful conjunctions are and, or, and but. Look at the examples below to see how these conjunctions are used to combine two complete thoughts (independent clauses). Remember to put a comma before the added conjunction.

**And** adds information.

1. On the first day of summer vacation we'll go boating, and on the second day we'll go bike riding.
2. On Monday we'll have a review, and on Tuesday we'll take the test.
3. I like football, and I like hockey.

**Or** presents a choice.

1. You can get a doll house, or you can get a scooter.
2. You can have fish sticks for supper, or you can have leftover chicken.
3. You can take the test first thing in the morning, or you can take it right after lunch.