

## 4 Rules for Correcting Run-ons and Fused Sentences

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Here is an example of a fused sentence (otherwise known as a Run-on). Notice how the comma is misused in the following sentence:

Many jazz critics consider Duke Ellington's big band the most talented group of all time, some think Count Basie's band was more exciting.

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Rule 1: Correct the run-on by substituting the comma for a period to create two sentences.

Many jazz critics consider Duke Ellington's big band the most talented group of all time. Some think Count Basie's band was more exciting.

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Rule 2: Correct the run-on by substituting the comma for a semicolon to indicate the fact that the sentences are related to one another. Do not capitalize the first word of the sentence following the semicolon.

Many jazz critics consider Duke Ellington's big band the most talented group of all time; some think Count Basie's band was more exciting.

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Rule 3: Correct the run-on by adding a Fan Boys word before the comma.

Many jazz critics consider Duke Ellington's big band the most talented group of all time, **but** some think Count Basie's band was more exciting.

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Rule 4: Correct the run-on by substituting the comma for a semicolon, and conjunctive adverb and another comma.

Many jazz critics consider Duke Ellington's big band the most talented group of all time; **however**, some think Count Basie's band was more exciting.

Here are a list of some commonly used conjunctive adverbs:

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| accordingly, | besides,      | finally,     | hence,        | indeed,   | meanwhile, |
| also,        | certainly,    | further,     | however,      | instead,  | moreover,  |
| anyway,      | consequently, | furthermore, | incidentally, | likewise, | namely,    |

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|---------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| nevertheless, | nonetheless,       | otherwise,     | still,     | thereafter,  | thus,         |
| next,         | now,               | similarly,     | then,      | therefore,   | undoubtedly,  |
| ergo,         | on the other hand, | henceforth,    | rather,    | conversely,  | equally,      |
| subsequently, | additionally,      | comparatively, | elsewhere, | in addition, | additionally, |