

Run-on sentences

Exercise 25-a Run-on sentences

Name	
Date	Section

To read about this topic, see the section on run-on sentences in your handbook.

One sentence in each of the following pairs is a run-on sentence. Find and correct the error, using an effective revision strategy. Mark the correct sentence "OK." Example:

Although
a. Joe Hill may not have been the first martyr of the labor movement, **however,**
he was certainly its most skillful worker with words and music.

b. Before his arrest in 1914 for killing a grocer in Salt Lake City, Joe Hill was
simply the Swedish immigrant Joseph Hillstrom; no one knew or cared much
about him. *OK*

1. a. Ralph Chaplin was the only person who wrote anything about Joe Hill before Hill's execution, he jotted down just a few notes based on an interview with a drunken sailor.
b. Extensive historical research has not confirmed or denied those notes because researchers have turned up quite different stories.
2. a. All the evidence introduced at Hill's trial was circumstantial; furthermore, the dead man's son, who had witnessed the murder, refused to identify Hill as the gunman.
b. Did the state hide evidence it certainly seemed that way.
3. a. One Wobbly told the police that he had been with Joe Hill in another location on the night of the murder, he also told a detective he could prove Hill's innocence.
b. That man was promptly arrested and held in jail for the duration of the trial.

4.
 - a. At the end of the trial, the man was released and ordered to leave the state.
 - b. Hill's own attorneys did not do much to help him their attitude was as negative as that of the prosecutors.
5.
 - a. Because of their negative attitude, Hill discharged both of the attorneys who were supposed to be defending him.
 - b. "I have three prosecutors here, I intend to get rid of two of them," he said.
6.
 - a. The state never showed a motive for the murder; furthermore, much evidence that Hill's attorneys could have used was never introduced.
 - b. How did Hill get that bullet wound in his chest, he told the doctor he had gotten it in a fight over a woman.
7.
 - a. The doctor who treated Hill was not asked to testify about medical aspects of the case, as a matter of fact, his testimony probably would have prevented Hill's conviction.
 - b. Protests about Hill's conviction came from all over the world, but they were ignored.
8.
 - a. Important political figures tried to help Hill, hoping until the last minute that they could save him.
 - b. The Swedish consul pleaded for him, President Wilson sent telegrams to the governor of Utah.
9.
 - a. Legend has it that Hill's last words before the firing squad were "Don't mourn for me; organize," in fact, he said, "Yes, aim! Let her go! Fire!"
 - b. If Joe Hill is known at all today, it is probably because of Joe Glazer, his guitar, and the song "Joe Hill."
10.
 - a. Glazer was not the composer of "Joe Hill" its composers were Earl Robinson and Alfred Hayes.
 - b. Glazer, however, made the song known across America, singing it at banquets as well as on picket lines.