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英文科題目：What are Run-on Sentences (不間斷句子)?

A run-on sentence is when you put two independent clauses together without separating them with punctuation or conjunctions.

不間斷句子就是將兩句獨立句子直接連在一起，中間沒有加上連接詞或標點符號。看看以下例子：

Example (1)

Incorrect: It was sunny I brought my sunglasses.

在這例子中，前後均為獨立子句，包括 The weather was sunny 和 I brought my glasses，但不可單用逗號間隔。

此句可加並列連詞 (coordinator)改正句子：

It was sunny, AND I brought my sunglasses.

亦可加從屬連詞 (subordinator)：

It was sunny, SO I brought my sunglasses.

可用 period (full-stop)：

It was sunny. I brought my sunglasses.

假如前後子句關係密切，更可用 semi-colon：

It was sunny; I brought my sunglasses.

Example (2)

Incorrect: I really like her I want to see her again.

同樣，在這例子中，前後兩句都是獨立句子，分別是 I really like her 和 I want to see her again。

要改寫這句子，就可參考例子（一）的做法。

(1) 加 comma 及 coordinator

I really like her, and I want to see you her again.

(2) 加 comma 及 subordinator

I really like her, so I want to see her again.

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(3) 加 period

I really like her. I want to see her again.

(4) 加 semi-colon

I really like her; I want to see her again.

不要以為 run-on sentences 一定很長，最短的例子可以只有四個英文字：I sleep she drives. 例子中包括兩個主詞(subject)和兩個不及物動詞(intransitive verb)。

要避免 run-on sentences，就要先分辨甚麼是獨立句子 independent clause，然後在它們中間加上恰當的连接詞或標點符號。

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