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**Lesson 10.6.5**

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**Correcting Run-on Sentences****EXERCISE 1 Identifying Run-on Sentences**Label each item as *R* (run-on) or *C* (complete).**EXAMPLE** R DNA stands for deoxyribonucleic acid, it is found in every living cell.

In a **run-on sentence**, two or more sentences are incorrectly run together. They may be joined by a comma or by no punctuation mark.

**Run-ons:**

You think he did it you may be wrong. Check the results, they provide the answer you need.

**Revisions:**

You think he did it, *but* you may be wrong. Check the results, *which* provide the answer you need.

1. \_\_\_ Traditional fingerprinting records the patterns of ridges on a person's fingertips, it has been used since the 1890s.
2. \_\_\_ The traditional method is still used in investigations, in 1986, law enforcement began using DNA fingerprinting to identify suspects.
3. \_\_\_ DNA includes genes, which determine many characteristics of an individual.
4. \_\_\_ DNA fingerprinting can help investigators solve crimes.
5. \_\_\_ Police officers and forensic scientists collect crime-scene evidence they may find such DNA-containing evidence as hair.
6. \_\_\_ Hair is considered trace evidence it is collected by a special vacuum.
7. \_\_\_ Investigators can compare DNA fingerprinting results against a national database that includes results from other investigations.
8. \_\_\_ Even hair and teeth contain DNA fingerprints.
9. \_\_\_ DNA fingerprinting is also used to verify the biological father of a child.
10. \_\_\_ Two individuals could have the same DNA fingerprint, the chances that this could happen are incredibly small.

**EXERCISE 2 Revising Run-on Sentences**

Choose three run-on sentences from Exercise 1. Write correct versions of those sentences below. Correct one by using a coordinating conjunction, one by using a semicolon, and one by creating a subordinate clause.

**EXAMPLE** DNA stands for deoxyribonucleic acid, which is found in every living cell.  
 (creating a subordinate clause)

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