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Lesson 9.6.5

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Run-on Sentences**EXERCISE 1 Recognizing Run-on Sentences**Label each item as *R* (run-on) or *C* (complete).

EXAMPLE R Adam Smith is sometimes considered the father of modern economics, he was also a moral philosopher.

A semicolon is a strong enough mark of punctuation to separate two sentences by itself. However, a comma is not strong enough to do this. Two sentences joined only by a comma are a type of run-on called a **comma splice**.

Comma Splice:
Smith was born in 1723, he died in 1790.

Revision:
Smith was born in 1723; he died in 1790.

1. ____ Adam Smith believed that people are driven by passions but that people's ability to reason and sympathize keeps those passions in check.
2. ____ This philosophy led to one of Smith's economic principles, known as *the invisible hand*.
3. ____ *The invisible hand* is a metaphor, it expresses the idea that people's pursuit of self-interest unintentionally benefits the public good.
4. ____ In a free market, people will always pursue self-interest, that means they will try to better their own conditions.
5. ____ Everyone is pursuing self-interest; each person's pursuit is pitted against those of all other people.
6. ____ This competition has the unintentional effect of regulating the economy, including prices, wages, and rents.
7. ____ According to Smith, competition forces prices down to their "natural" levels.
8. ____ Smith viewed the free market as being self-corrective it is able to grow steadily.
9. ____ Smith did not, however, believe that a free market could grow indefinitely.
10. ____ Smith wrote during the 1700s, nevertheless, his ideas still resonate today.

EXERCISE 2 Revising Run-on Sentences

Choose three run-on sentences from Exercise 1. Write correct versions of those sentences below.

EXAMPLE Adam Smith is sometimes considered the father of modern economics, but he was also a moral philosopher.
