

Let's take an example:

*Jack plays guitar, his brother plays the violin.*

In this sentence, two *independent clauses* connected by a *comma*, and hence, this a *run-on* sentence, an invalid sentence structure.

b) Independent clauses can start with words such as *instead, moreover, likewise, therefore, however* and *otherwise*. So, following sentences would also be *run-on* and hence *incorrect*.

*James did not study well for the exam, hence, he could not succeed.*

- The two *independent clauses* in this sentence (*James did not study well for the exam* and *hence, he could not succeed*) are connected by just a comma, and hence, is *run-on*.

*Many businesses in the country do not pay regular taxes, instead, they find innovative ways to evade taxes.*

- The two *independent clauses* in this sentence (*many businesses in the country do not pay regular taxes* and *instead, they find innovative ways to evade taxes*) are connected by just a comma, and hence, this is *run-on*.