

# Fragments and Run-ons

# Subordinate Clause Fragments

- *A clause is a group of words that has a subject and a verb.* An *independent clause* expresses a complete thought and can stand on its own as a sentence.
- Another kind of clause, a *dependent (subordinate) clause*, **does not express a complete thought and cannot stand by itself as a sentence.**

# Run-on Sentences

- A *run-on sentence* is **two or more complete sentences run together as one.**
- In a *fused sentence*, **the sentences have no punctuation at all between them.**
- In a *comma splice*, **the writer has linked together sentences with only a comma to separate them from one another.**