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## Catch The Run-On Answer Key

1. **R** - Run-on (two sentences joined without punctuation or conjunction).
2. **C** - Correct (compound sentence joined by "and").
3. **R** - Run-on (missing conjunction or punctuation).
4. **C** - Correct (compound sentence with "but").
5. **R** - Run-on (two complete thoughts squished together).
6. **C** - Correct (complex sentence with "because").
7. **R** - Run-on (two ideas jammed together).
8. **C** - Correct (compound with "but").
9. **R** - Run-on (missing proper connector).
10. **C** - Correct (compound with "and").
11. **R** - Run-on (two independent clauses with no joiner).
12. **C** - Correct (compound with "and").

### Teacher Notes/Guide:

- A **run-on sentence** occurs when two or more independent clauses are joined without correct punctuation or a coordinating conjunction.
- Students should recognize that some run-ons can be fixed with:
  - A **period** (turning them into two sentences).
  - A **comma + coordinating conjunction** (e.g., and, but, so).
  - A **semicolon** (to join closely related ideas).
- Encourage students in the **Extension Challenge** to experiment with more than one way of fixing each run-on.