

The Run-On Diner Answer Key

- Period:** The sun was shining. We decided to eat lunch outside.
Semicolon: The sun was shining; we decided to eat lunch outside.
FANBOYS: The sun was shining, so we decided to eat lunch outside.
Subordinator: Because the sun was shining, we decided to eat lunch outside.
- Period:** Sarah loves to paint. She rarely has time on school nights.
Semicolon: Sarah loves to paint; she rarely has time on school nights.
FANBOYS: Sarah loves to paint, but she rarely has time on school nights.
Subordinator: Although Sarah loves to paint, she rarely has time on school nights.
- Period:** The storm came quickly. The kids ran for shelter.
Semicolon: The storm came quickly; the kids ran for shelter.
FANBOYS: The storm came quickly, and the kids ran for shelter.
Subordinator: When the storm came quickly, the kids ran for shelter.
- Period:** I finished my book. It was the best story I had ever read.
Semicolon: I finished my book; it was the best story I had ever read.
FANBOYS: I finished my book, and it was the best story I had ever read.
Subordinator: Since I finished my book, I realized it was the best story I had ever read.
- Period:** The bus was late. We missed the first ten minutes of the movie.
Semicolon: The bus was late; we missed the first ten minutes of the movie.
FANBOYS: The bus was late, so we missed the first ten minutes of the movie.
Subordinator: Because the bus was late, we missed the first ten minutes of the movie.
- Period:** He practiced the piano every day. He wanted to impress his teacher.
Semicolon: He practiced the piano every day; he wanted to impress his teacher.
FANBOYS: He practiced the piano every day, for he wanted to impress his teacher.
Subordinator: He practiced the piano every day because he wanted to impress his teacher.

Teacher Notes: Encourage variety: don't let students always "order the same dish." Accept **any grammatically correct rewrite** that fixes the run-on while keeping meaning intact.