

Identifying and Revising Run-on Sentences

DIRECTIONS Decide which of the following groups of words are run-on sentences.

- If the group of words is correct, write *C*; if it is a run-on, write *R*.
- Revise each run-on sentence by (1) making it two separate sentences or (2) using a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

EXAMPLE R Albert Einstein was one of the greatest thinkers of the twentieth

century. ^{OH} he changed the way people view the universe.

- _____ 1. School in Munich was too rigid and boring for young Einstein he did not do well.
- _____ 2. However, young Einstein showed a talent for mathematics, at the age of 12, he taught himself Euclidean geometry.
- _____ 3. After finishing secondary school, he entered the Federal Polytechnic Academy in Switzerland, he did not like the teaching methods there.
- _____ 4. The academy frustrated him he could learn in a way that interested him.
- _____ 5. Einstein chose to educate himself, he missed classes often and spent the time studying physics on his own.
- _____ 6. His professors had low opinions of him, he graduated anyway in 1900.
- _____ 7. In 1905, he published a paper on physics the University of Zürich awarded him a Ph.D. for this work.
- _____ 8. In the same year, he published four more papers that presented new thoughts on the nature of light and other important concepts.
- _____ 9. Physicists resisted his ideas at first, eventually his general theory of relativity was confirmed through observation.
- _____ 10. Einstein achieved international recognition, in 1921 he received the Nobel Prize in physics.