

LEVEL 4 - RUN-ONS AND COMMA SPLICES

Directions: You are the teacher. A student in your class has submitted an assignment where the goal was to have 2 paragraphs with all complete sentences and thoughts. First, label each sentences as complete (C), fragment (F), run on (RO) or (CS). Then, make corrections to the text so that it reflects the assignment requirements of all complete thoughts.

Text:

Although penguins look clumsy on land. They are graceful in the water. Their bodies are perfectly suited for swimming and diving they are a streamlined torpedo shape. Their wings are shaped like flippers penguins use them to propel themselves through the water at speeds up to 30 miles per hour. They use their webbed feet to steer they help them. Most penguins can even swim like porpoises.

Leaping out of the water to breathe and then diving back in with one graceful motion. Penguins frequently need to dive deep to catch prey. Sometimes descending to depths of over a thousand feet. The water pressure can be great enough to collapse lungs penguins have special air chambers in their bodies. When a penguin dives, the chambers squeeze, air is forced into the lungs. The extra air keeps the lungs from collapsing. The chilly waters that penguins prefer would be too cold for most birds, penguins are insulated by waterproof feathers and a thick layer of fat. Penguins more than make up for being awkward on land. By being perfectly suited for the water.