Sentences, Fragments, and Run-ons

What is a sentence?
A sentence is a group of words that has a subject, a verb, and expressed a complete thought.
For example:
The boy ate the apple. (boy = subject, ate = verb, and it expressed a complete thought)

What is a fragment?
A sentence fragment is part of a sentence, but not a complete sentence. It is missing a subject, a verb, or the sentence doesn’t express a complete thought.
For example:
The boy the apple (boy = subject, but there is not verb, so it is not a sentence)

Sometimes a sentence has a subject and a verb, but it doesn’t express a complete thought because it begins with a subject clause, such as when, or before, that needs another subject or verb to complete the thought.
For example:
Before Mary goes to the store (Mary = subject, goes = verb, but it is not a sentence because we don’t know what will happen before Mary goes to the store. These words do not express a complete thought.

Sentence or Fragment?
1. I have a ball _____
2. The ball is red _____
3. It pretty ball _____
4. When she get home _____
5. She went to the store for apple _____

What is a Run-on?
A run on is the opposite of a fragment. It has 2 sentences together without putting a period or a compound word (and, but, so, or) between them.
For example:
I have brown eyes my hair is black. (There are 2 sentences here.)
I have brown eyes (I = subject, have = verb, and it expresses a complete thought)
My hair is black. (hair = subject, is = verb, and it expresses a complete thought.
To fix this run-on, you have to put a period between the 2 sentences (I have brown hair, My hair is black.) or you have to put a compound word between the 2 sentences (I have brown hair, and my hair is black.)

Sentence or Run-on?
1. The ball is round _____
2. The ball is round I found it under the table _____
3. The ball is red and round _____
4. She is from Chicago it is a big city _____