

Comma Splicing

Answer Key

Comma splicing is the use of a comma to separate two independent clauses. A clause is a part of a sentence that contains a subject and a predicate. Use *punctuation* and/or *conjunctions* to fix the comma splices below. There may be more than one correct answer for each example.

Examples of *punctuation*

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Examples of *conjunctions*

because
and
so
but
for

Example of comma splicing: Mary ran fast, she was late for school.

Example of a correction: Mary ran fast because she was late for school.

- 1.** *Comma splice:* I was not hungry, I ate lunch anyway.
Correction: I was not hungry, but I ate lunch anyway.

- 2.** *Comma splice:* She went to the grocery store, she bought a quart of milk.
Correction: She went to the grocery store, and she bought a quart of milk.

- 3.** *Comma splice:* Toby was the fastest runner on the track team, he won many awards.
Correction: Toby was the fastest runner on the track team, so he won many awards.

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