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Comma Splices and Run-on Sentences

Overview: When two or more independent clauses occur in the same sentence, connected only by a comma, the result is an error called a comma splice. Comma splices can make your writing difficult to understand. It is important to avoid errors in your writing so that you can clearly convey your points and maintain the reader's interest.

Remember: An -on Sentence is the result of two independent clauses joined with no punctuation between the

A comma splice or a run-on can be avoided by using one of the following methods:

Revised version: The coffee was too hot to drink; he waited ten minutes before taking the first sip.

3. **A coordinating conjunction (FANBOYS) can be added after a comma.**

Comma splice: The coffee was too hot to drink, he waited ten minutes before taking the first sip.

Run-on: The coffee was too hot to drink he waited ten minutes before taking the first sip.

Revised version: The coffee was too hot to drink, so he waited ten minutes before taking the first sip.

4. **Turn one of the independent clauses into a dependent clause by adding a subordinating conjunction.**

Comma splice: The coffee was too hot to drink, he waited ten minutes before taking the first sip.

Run-on: The coffee was too hot to drink he waited ten minutes before taking the first sip.

Revised version: The coffee was too hot to drink, **even though** he waited ten minutes before taking the first sip.

5. **Add a semicolon, a conjunctive adverb, and then a comma, in that order.**

Comma splice: The coffee was too hot to drink, he waited ten minutes before taking the first sip.

Run-on: The coffee was too hot to drink he waited ten minutes before taking the first sip.

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