

RUN-ON SENTENCES

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COMMA SPLICES

COMPARING COMMON GRAMMAR ERRORS

COMMA SPLICES

A comma splice is when two independent clauses are tied together with only a comma.



EXAMPLE

These results are determined in the lab, furthermore, the scientists have included their hypothesis in the work.

WHY IT'S WRONG

The two independent clauses are connected by a comma, making the sentence confusing because it is mashed together and lacks distinction between points.

HOW TO FIX IT

Find the two independent clauses tied together with a comma and determine the best way to separate them.

CORRECTED EXAMPLE

These results are determined in the lab. Furthermore, the scientists have included their hypothesis in the work.

RUN-ON SENTENCES

A run-on sentence is when two independent clauses or more are in the same sentence without the proper punctuation.



EXAMPLE

There are many factors to consider when looking at this novel for example, one should recognize the symbolism behind the yellow umbrella.

WHY IT'S WRONG

The two independent clauses are slammed together without punctuation, which doesn't give the reader enough of a break to understand your meaning.

HOW TO FIX IT

Find the independent clauses and determine the best way to separate them.

CORRECTED EXAMPLE

There are many factors to consider when looking at this novel. For example, one should recognize the symbolism behind the yellow umbrella.

