RUN-ON SENTENCES VERSUS

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.

RUN-ON SENTENCES

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

EXAMPLE

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WHY IT'S WRONG

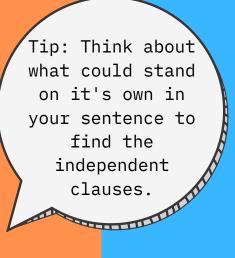
The two independent clauses are connected by a comma, making the sentence confusing because it is mushed together and lacks distinction between points.

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

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