## Run-On Sentences versus Comma Splices

### Comparing Common Grammar Errors

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<td>A run-on sentence is when two independent clauses or more are in the same sentence without the proper punctuation.</td>
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### Example

**Comma Splices**

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

**Run-On Sentences**

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### Why It’s Wrong

**Comma Splices**

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

**Run-On Sentences**

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

**Comma Splices**

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

**Run-On Sentences**

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

### Corrected Example

**Comma Splices**

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

**Run-On Sentences**

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