

## Comma Splices

### Exercise 1:

[http://depts.dvc.edu/learningcenter/owl/exercises/comma\\_splices\\_ex1.htm](http://depts.dvc.edu/learningcenter/owl/exercises/comma_splices_ex1.htm)

**Instructions.** *A comma splice is an error in which two sentences are joined only by a comma. DON'T place a comma where a period can go. Instead, use a period, semicolon, or comma + FANBOYS (for and nor but or yet so). Decide if the sentence is a comma splice or a complete sentence by selecting the correct answer.*

### Questions

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1.) John is always late for work, nobody seems to care.

- a.) Comma splice
- b.) Complete sentence

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2.) Hot summer weather is nice, high temperatures are dangerous for certain people.

- a.) Comma splice
- b.) Complete sentence

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3.) Emily broke her ankle on the weekend; now she is in a great deal of pain.

- a.) Comma splice
- b.) Complete sentence

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4.) Driving the car is fast and comfortable, riding the bicycle is better for one's health.

- a.) Comma splice
- b.) Complete sentence

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5.) When a student likes his class, he is more likely to achieve good grades.

- a.) Comma splice
- b.) Complete sentence

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6.) Jarod had an interview with a television company, I might get a job as his assistant.

- a.) Comma splice
- b.) Complete sentence

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7.) After I was paid last week, I was able to do the grocery shopping.

- a.) Comma splice
- b.) Complete sentence

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8.) Due to the fact that I am busy this week, I don't have time for sports.

- a.) Comma splice
- b.) Complete sentence

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9.) Whenever Janis does not sleep enough, she gets a horrible migraine.

- a.) Comma splice
- b.) Complete sentence

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10.) The air conditioner is too loud, Cleo can't sleep.

- a.) Comma splice
- b.) Complete sentence

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### Exercise 2:

To complete the online version of this exercise, go to

[http://depts.dyc.edu/learningcenter/owl/exercises/comma\\_splices\\_ex2.htm](http://depts.dyc.edu/learningcenter/owl/exercises/comma_splices_ex2.htm)

### Instructions

Each sentence below contains a comma splice. Select the answer that corrects the comma splice without creating any new errors.

### Questions

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1. John is always late for work, nobody seems to care.

- a.) Although John is always late for work and nobody seems to care.
- b.) Because John is always late for work nobody seems to care.
- c.) Although John is always late for work, nobody seems to care.

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2. Hot summer weather is nice, it can be dangerous for various groups of people when certain temperatures get too high.

a.) Hot summer weather is nice, when temperatures get to high it can be dangerous for various groups of people.

b.) Hot summer weather, which is can contain high temperatures that can be dangerous for various groups of people.

c.) Hot summer weather is nice, but high temperatures can be dangerous for various groups of people.

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3. Emily broke her ankle on the weekend, she is in a great deal of pain.

a.) Is in a great deal of pain, she broke her ankle on the weekend.

b.) Emily broke her ankle on the weekend, and now she is in a great deal of pain.

c.) Emily broke her ankle on the weekend, now she is in a great deal of pain.

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4. Driving a car is fast and comfortable, riding the bicycle is better for one's health.

a.) Driving a car is fast and comfortable, but riding a bicycle is better for one's health.

b.) Driving a car is fast and comfortable riding a bicycle is better for one's health.

c.) Although driving a car is fast and comfortable riding a bike is better for one's health.

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5. Most students attend a learning skills class, then their grades and skills improve.

a.) Most students, who attend a learning skills class improve their grades.

b.) The grades and skills of most students improve after they attend a learning skills class.

c.) Because, most students attend a learning skills class their grades and skills improve.

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6. Jarod has an interview with a television company, I might become his assistant.

a.) Jarod has an interview with a television company I might become his assistant.

b.) After Jarod has an interview with a television company, he might hire me as his assistant.

c.) Jarod who has an interview with a television company.

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7. I entered my friend's house, I realized that he had made a lot of home improvements.

a.) After I entered my friend's house and realized that he had made a lot of home improvements.

b.) Entering my friend's house I realized, that he had made a lot of home improvements.

c.) As soon as I entered my friend's house, I realized that he had made a lot of home improvements.

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8. I can't meet my new boss this week, I have too many other appointments.

a.) I can't meet my new boss this week because I have too many other appointments.

b.) Since I am too busy this week I can't, meet my new boss.

c.) I, who am too busy this week can't meet my new boss.

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9. Yesterday I bought a new backpack, I could afford it because it was on sale.

a.) Yesterday I was able to afford a new backpack since it was on sale.

b.) Yesterday, I bought a new backpack it was on sale.

c.) Since, it was on sale I bought a new backpack yesterday.

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10. The air conditioner is too loud, Cleo can't sleep.

a.) Because of the loud air conditioner, Cleo can't sleep.

b.) The air conditioner is too loud, therefore Cleo can't sleep.

c.) The air conditioner is too loud, Cleo can't sleep.