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Comma Splices and Fused Sentences Worksheet

Directions: Read each sentence carefully. Circle the error in each sentence. Write the correct punctuation in the space provided.

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2. This comma splice is used in dialogue between a statement and a tag question.
3. This is a comma splice.
4. No revision, it is acceptable.

Forming Adverbs: add -ly

Adverbs can describe verbs, adjectives, other adverbs, or entire clauses.

See how **quickly** adds to **run**.

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When describing a verb, adjective, or adverb, add **-ly** to the end of the word.

INCORRECT: He runs **quick** **average** **at** his pace.

CORRECT: He runs **quickly** **average** **at** his pace.

Answers

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Rule	Definition	Examples
Rule 4 – Before a Conjunction	A conjunction are words like <i>and</i> , <i>or</i> , and <i>but</i> . Conjunctions join two sentences or independent clauses together. CAUTION: Do not use a comma every time you see or use the word <i>and</i> .	The girl can dance, <u>and</u> she can sing. (Notice the two sentences: The girl can dance. She can sing.) The conjunction, <i>and</i> , joins them together into a single sentence. There are three birds in the sky, <u>but</u> they may be landing soon. I can eat peas and carrots, <u>or</u> I can eat corn and green beans. WRONG: I can skate, and swim. The sky may be dark, or cloudy. The girl can dance, and sing.
Rule 5 – Before and After Parentheses	Parentheses includes information such as an explanation, <i>an afterthought</i> , or <i>description</i> of something. Sometimes parentheses can be offset by brackets, but commas are more common.	My father, <u>an electrician</u> , wired our whole house all by himself. The little boy, <u>undoubtedly</u> , must be hungry since he ate everything on his plate. The movie I had seen, which was three hours long, kept my attention the entire time. Notice if you remove the <u>parentheses</u> , it will still be a complete sentence.
Rule 6 – Lists	When writing a list as part of a sentence, you must separate the items with a comma. The list must have three or more items.	<u>Devon, Angela, and Kristen</u> received a good report from the teacher. The kinds of fruit I usually buy are <u>bananas, cherries, or watermelon</u> . I had to buy <u>nails, screws, and rope</u> to finish the project I started. NOTE: It is also correct if a comma does not appear before the conjunction such as <i>and</i> & <i>or</i> . Here is another way to write the last sentence: <i>I had to buy nails, screws, and rope to finish the project I started.</i> There is no comma after the word <i>screws</i> . It is not right or wrong if you place a comma there.
Rule 7 – With Quotations	When writing quotations, that is when people are speaking to each other, a comma is used to separate the quote from the person talking.	<u>Scotty said</u> , "There are three pieces of pizza left." "I want one," <u>yelled Dary</u> . <u>Another student also answered</u> , "I would like some." "I think we may need to buy some more," <u>the teacher responded</u> .
Rule 8 – Other	There are a few other uses for commas as well, such as when addressing a person, between cities and states, and when writing dates.	Could you please answer the <u>door</u> , Tom? <u>Honey</u> , please pour me a glass of soda. I will listen to you, <u>doctor</u> , because you are the expert. Paul, I know where you were last night. Well, I should I be <u>afraid</u> , Mary? Los Angeles, California Albany, New York March 15, 2016 July 6, 2017



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Comma Splices & Run-On Sentences 1

A comma splice is a sentence error that results when two independent clauses are joined together with only a comma. A run-on sentence is a sentence error that results when two independent clauses are joined without any punctuation. Both of these errors can be corrected in one of several ways. Turn to page 609 in *Write Source*.

Place an **RO** in front of each run-on sentence, a **CS** in front of each comma splice, and a **C** in front of each correct sentence. Correct each faulty sentence. Use the proofreading marks inside the back cover of *Write Source*.

- CS** 1. I never really enjoyed science, ^{my} math is my favorite subject.
2. By the time we arrived, the show was nearly over, we missed everything but the credits and the cartoon.
3. Don't touch that chair it has just been painted.
4. I got an "A" on my English test. I've never gotten one before.
5. Some students would rather goof around than study, some adults went through the same thing when they were in school.
6. Some run-on sentences are easy to recognize, others are much more difficult.
7. Joan's mother works at the hospital her father works at the school.
8. John had to go to his violin lesson, however, he will stop by when he is through.
9. Katrin enjoys shopping for clothes, especially when someone else is paying for them.
10. Time goes slowly when you are working, it seems to fly when you are playing.
11. Akira will meet us at the skating rink later; he has to go home to pick up his skates.

Extend: Write two run-on sentences and two sentences with a comma splice. Exchange papers with a classmate and correct each other's sentence errors.

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