

## METHODS of CORRECTING Run-on (Fused) Sentences and Comma Splices *with Practice*

### 1. USE A PERIOD (.).

Main clause. Main clause.

I took my son to the museum Saturday. It was children's day.

### 2. USE A COMMA AND A COORDINATING CONJUNCTION (CC).

CC= and, but, or, for, so, yet

Main clause, CC main clause.

I took my son to the museum Saturday, for it was children's day.

CC

### 3. USE A SEMICOLON.

Main clause; main clause.

I took my son to the museum Saturday; it was children's day.

### 4. USE A SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION (SC).

1) Main clause SC main clause.

**Example:**

I took my son to the museum Saturday because it was children's day.

SC

2) SC main clause, main clause.

**Example:**

Because it was children's day at the museum, I took my son to see the exhibits.

SC

### 5. USE A SEMICOLON AND A TRANSITION WORD [Conjunctive Adverb] (TW) FOLLOWED BY A COMMA.

Main clause; TW, main clause.

Saturday was children's day at the museum; therefore, I took my son to see the exhibits.

TW

## Run-on Sentence/Comma Splice Practice

*Identify the run-on (fused) sentence or comma splice error, and correct the error by separating sentences or using proper combination methods.*

- 1) Scrabble is not Candy's game she always holds on to the "X" tile until it's too late.
- 2) Marcella had never played blackjack when I told her to "hit me," I ended up with a bruise that lasted for a week.
- 3) Certain foods go together well, some good examples are spaghetti and meatballs, peanut butter and jelly, and raw onions with hot fudge.
- 4) Wendy McKing's makes the best burgers, they use only the finest ground USDA tofu.
- 5) Lancelot's bank gave him a free toaster when he opened a new checking account mine charged me a \$35 fee for just asking if they had a similar program.
- 6) The Knights Templar are said to have amassed a tremendous treasure which is still undiscovered, you may want to check under your couch cushions.
- 7) A "mojito" is a drink made from mint, sugar, lime juice, crushed ice, and white rum, if I have no mint, sugar, lime juice, or ice, I create a "mojito light."
- 8) In *Mary Poppins*, an old woman in the park sells breadcrumbs so that passersby can feed the birds "tuppence a bag," she sings.
- 9) Chocolate-covered carrots allow one to snack guiltlessly caramel-enrobed asparagus is another sin-free choice.
- 10) Locust bean gum is one of Clarinda's favorite food additives, she also enjoys acetylated monoglycerides and yellow dye #5.

Here are *some* possible solutions:

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| 1) a) game. She b) game because she                    | 2) a) blackjack; consequently, when b) blackjack. When |
| 3) a) well; some b) well. Some                         | 4) a) burgers, for they b) burgers. They               |
| 5) a) account; mine b) account; in contrast, mine      | 6) a) undiscovered. You b) undiscovered, so you        |
| 7) a) rum. If b) rum, but if                           | 8) a) birds. "Tuppence b) birds; "Tuppence             |
| 9) a) guiltlessly. Caramel b) guiltlessly, and caramel | 10) a) additives; she b) additives. She                |