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.

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.

   2) SC main clause, main clause.

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

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.
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:

   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