

Comma Splice, Comma Fault, Fused Sentence, Sentence Fragment

- A **comma splice** is the incorrect joining of two independent clauses with a comma rather than a conjunction or semicolon.
- Ex. The day was hot, it made me sluggish.

(incorrect)

The day was hot; it made me sluggish.

(correct)

HINT: A semicolon acts like a period; it separates independent ideas.

- A **comma fault** is the **incorrect** use of a comma.

Ex. The dog came barking to me, and, I gave her a bone. (**incorrect**)

The dog came barking to me, and I gave her a bone. (**correct**)

- A **fused sentence** (also called a run-on or run together sentence) is the **incorrect** joining of independent clauses with **no** conjunction or punctuation.

Ex. The day was hot it made me sluggish.

- A **sentence fragment** is a **piece of a sentence**, such as a phrase or dependent sentence, **incorrectly** punctuated as if it were a complete sentence.

Ex. On the second floor of the building.