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Fixing Run-on Sentences

**Independent Clauses** can stand alone and have a subject and verb.

**Dependent Clauses** cannot stand alone.

Run-on sentences occur when independent clauses are not joined properly. There are two types of run-on sentence: the fused sentence and the comma splice.

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| **Run-On Examples:** | |
| **Fused Sentence** | **The dishes need to be done get going on it right away.**  The Problem: No punctuation or conjunction (FANBOY) between 2 independent clauses. |
| **Comma Splice** | **The dishes need to be done, get going on it right away.**  The Problem: 2 independent clauses are joined with a comma but no conjunction. |

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| **Run-On Fixes** |
| 1. Comma + Conjunction (FANBOY)   **The dishes need to be done, so get going on it right away.** |
| 1. Semicolon   **The dishes need to be done; get going on it right away.** |
| 1. 2 Separate Sentences   **The dishes need to be done. Get going on it right away.** |
| 1. Dependent Clause + Independent Clause   **Since the dishes need to be done, get going on it right away.** |

**Note:** Just because a sentence is long does not necessarily mean it is a run-on. Some long sentences are grammatically correct, while some short sentences are run-ons.

Practice

**a. Basketball is the best sport because it’s an active game, the players never stop running.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: Comma + Conjunction (FANBOY)

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**b. Sharpstown High School is the best school in Houston all the teachers are amazing.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: Semicolon

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**3. Halloween is my favorite holiday it’s the one time a year that I can be anything I want to be**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: your choice

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Fixing Run-on Sentences

Directions: Identify the problem. Is it a (CS) comma splice or (FS) fused sentence. Then, fix the sentence using the method listed.

**1. My mother, father and sister are coming to dinner tonight, it’s going to be a fun reunion.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: Comma + Conjunction (FANBOY)

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**2. I like learning English it makes me tired.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: Semicolon

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**3. My sister was taller than me when we were young, now I am the tallest it is fun.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: 2 Separate sentences.

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1. **I love school, I love learning, my teacher is nice.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: your choice

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1. **I don’t want much for Christmas just some chocolates and a little toy car.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: your choice

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1. **Blue is my favorite color, it is the color of the sky and the sea and it reminds me of my favorite insect which is the butterfly.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: dependent + independent clause

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**7. When I get older I want to have a big family, I like big families.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: dependent + independent clause

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**8. We usually leave at 11:00 but today is different we are leaving at 10:30.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: 2 separate sentences

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**9. I like Tuesdays and Wednesdays I also like Fridays because the weekend starts on Friday.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: comma + conjunction (FANBOY)

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**10. We should get moving there’s no time to waste.**

Problem: comma splice or fused sentence *(circle one)* Fix: your choice

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