**What is a comma splice?**

A comma splice occurs when a comma is incorrectly used to join two independent clauses. In other words, the sentence expresses two complete ideas, each of which can stand on their own.

Example: *I ate a sandwich, it was delicious.*

(Both halves of the sentence are full ideas which can work independently.)

**How do I correct a comma splice?**

There are three primary ways to fix a comma splice:

1. Use a **coordinating conjunction** (**FANBOYS**)

Use one of the FANBOYS (For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So) after the comma to join the two clauses.

*I ate a sandwich,* ***and*** *it was delicious.*

1. Use a **period** (.)

Use a period to separate the independent clauses into two sentences.

*I ate a sandwich****.*** *It was delicious.*

1. Use a **semi-colon** (;)

Use a semi-colon to separate two closely related independent clauses.

*I ate a sandwich****;*** *it was delicious.*

*I ate a sandwich, it was delicious.* (Incorrect)

*I ate a sandwich,* ***and*** *it was delicious.* (Correct)

*I ate a sandwich****.*** *It was delicious.* (Correct)

*I ate a sandwich****;*** *it was delicious.* (Correct)

**Additional examples:**

*I wanted to pay him, I had no money*. (Incorrect)

*I wanted to pay him,* ***but*** *I had no money.* (Correct)

*She would not stop singing, we all killed her.* (Incorrect)

*She would not stop singing,* ***so*** *we all killed her.* (Correct)

*He looked like a donkey, Titania loved him anyway.* (Incorrect)

*He looked like a donkey,* ***yet*** *Titania loved him anyway.* (Correct)

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