

# COMMA SPLICE

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# Definition

A comma splice is the use of a comma used to join two independent clauses, instead of a conjunction, semi colon, or period.

# Examples of correct comma usage

1. The game was over, but the crowd refused to leave.
2. The student explained her question, yet the instructor still didn't seem to understand.
3. Yesterday was her brother's birthday, so she took him out to dinner.

( all of these commas are followed by conjunctions)

# Comma splice examples

1. I went to the store, I saw a man standing on the corner.
2. Dogs have large canine teeth, mice have large molars.
3. My grandmother lives in the country, her house is very big.

( all of these could be corrected by replacing the comma with a period)

# Quiz

- 1. It takes five apples to make an apple pie, it takes ten to make applesauce.*
- 2. Kristy forgot to set her alarm, she woke up forty minutes late.*
- 3. I like dogs, Adam likes kitties.*

# Answers

1. It takes five apples to make an apple pie; it takes ten to make applesauce.
2. Kristy forgot to set her alarm. She woke up forty minutes late
3. I like dogs. Adam likes kitties.

Remember semicolons equal periods

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