



Comma Splices

What is a comma splice? A comma splice is a sentence that incorrectly uses a comma by itself to join two complete thoughts.

Example:

It has been raining for days, the ground is all muddy.

There are 3 quick ways to fix a comma splice:

1. **Use a period to make two sentences, like this:**

It has been raining for days. The ground is all muddy.

2. **Use a semicolon to join the sentences, like this:**

It has been raining for days; the ground is all muddy.

Semicolons work like periods and can be used as long as the sentences are talking about the same topic.

3. **Add a coordinating conjunction (one of the FANBOYS) after the comma, like this:**

It has been raining for days, **so** the ground is all muddy.

Remember **FANBOYS** stands for: **F**or, **A**nd, **N**or, **B**ut, **O**r, **Y**et, **S**o.

Tips to Remember: Joining two complete thoughts with just a comma makes a comma splice. You can fix this error by using a period or semicolon instead of a comma. You can also add a coordinating conjunction after the comma. The choice is yours!

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