

Comma Splices

What is it?

- ✓ A writer connects complete thoughts (two independent clauses) with *only* a comma.
- ✓ A writer believes that thoughts about the same topic need to be in only one sentence. While this may be a possibility, connecting with a comma isn't always the answer.

How do they happen?

- ✓ When a pronoun in the second thought refers to a noun in the first thought.
 - The roommate decided to move off campus, she didn't let her friends know.
- ✓ When a suggestion or direction is included in the second thought.
 - You are required to move out on Friday, begin preparing now.
- ✓ When two thoughts are connected by a transition (however, therefore).
 - Some people believe that superheroes don't exist, however, you just have to walk into the Writing Center to see them in real-life.

😊 **Don't lose hope if you have comma splice problems.**

There are 3 simple ways to fix them!!!😊

- ✚ Use for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so (FANBOYS) with a comma!
 - The roommate decided to move off campus, **BUT** she didn't let her friends know.
- ✚ Use a period between the two independent thoughts.
 - You are required to move out on Friday. **B**egin preparing now.
- ✚ Use a semicolon with a transition.
 - Some people believe that superheroes don't exist; **HOWEVER**, you just have to walk into the Writing Center to see them in real-life.

😊 **Some sentences can be fixed in more than one way!** 😊

Ex: Most of the computers in the Writing Center are new, please be careful with them.

Possible Solutions:

- Most of the computers in the Writing Center are new. **Please** be careful with them.
- Most of the computers in the Writing Center are new, **so** please be careful with them.
- Most of the computers in the Writing Center are new; **therefore**, please be careful with them.
- Most of the computers in the Writing Center are new; please be careful with them.