



The Comma Splice

A comma splice is when only a comma connects two independent clauses.

Jack found blocks, he played with them.

There are three ways to correct a comma splice:

- Use a period to create separate sentences.

Jack found blocks. He played with them.

- Use a coordinating conjunction (and, but, etc.) with a comma.

Jack found blocks, so he played with them.

- Use a semicolon (if appropriate).

Jack found blocks; he played with them.

DIRECTIONS: Add a coordinating conjunction to correct each sentence to correct the comma splice. Punctuate correctly.

1. Paul set the table, Anna called the kids inside.
2. Henry had eggs, Gina had toast.
3. I called my father, I wrote my mother.
4. Pete did the dishes, he did his homework.