

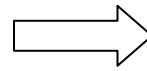
Comma Splices I

Goal: This Directed Learning Activity is intended to introduce you to comma splices, and will help you become familiar with terms, definitions and applications of the concepts surrounding the topic.

Activities: This portion of the Directed Learning Activity is meant to be done independently. This portion will include activities such as exercises, games, Power Point presentations, and/or other lessons that show applications of the topic. You should print all materials used and take notes on anything you learn in this Directed Learning Activity.

1. Take notes while watching the Power Point presentation, being focused especially on definitions; cut and paste the following URL:

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/runons.htm>



Some terms to be aware of may include:

- a. Comma Splice
 - b. Clause
 - c. Independent Clause
 - d. Dependent Clause
 - e. Punctuation (and Punctuation types)
 - f. Fragment
2. Now that you have watched the Power Point presentation, on a separate sheet of paper, write down the possible ways a comma splice can be fixed, and provide examples for each.
 3. Cut and paste the following URL, then do the exercise, and print your results:
http://depts.dyc.edu/learningcenter/owl/exercises/comma_splices_ex1.htm
 4. Cut and paste the following URL, then do the exercises, and print your results:
http://depts.dyc.edu/learningcenter/owl/exercises/comma_splices_ex2.htm

Review: With a tutor at the Writing Center, discuss specific terms, their definitions, and all of the examples you have written. Make sure to be clear about your understanding of the definitions, and the examples you have given. Clarity will be gauged by your use of specific terms you learned during the Activities portion of this Directed Learning Activity. **In order to pass this Directed Learning Activity, everything in your Activities section must be correct.**