

Comma Splices II

Goal: This Directed Learning Activity is intended to introduce you to a higher level understanding of Comma Splices, and will help you become familiar with terms, definitions and applications of the concepts surrounding the topic. If you find this Directed Learning Activity, it will benefit you to first do the “Comma Splices I” Directed Learning Activity provided on the Writing Center site.

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. The activities in this Directed Learning Activity are focused on your ability to fix comma splices and understanding of the concepts involved.

1. In this exercise, you will construct ten sentences containing comma splice errors. A way to do this may be to simply change the sentences in a previous work of your own, or a magazine or news article, or you may choose to make up the sentences yourself.
2. In this exercise, you will be using the sentences you have constructed or reconstructed in the previous exercise. You will need to add all of these sentences together to form one complete sentence. The sentence you form will likely be unclear in content, but what you should be focused on in this exercise is context. In other words, you must form this sentence without comma splices.

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, you must not have any errors in the activities you completed.**