Run-on Types

There are two types of run-on sentences.

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COMMA SPLICES

Fused Sentences

O These are <u>independent clauses</u> (which contain a **subject** and a **verb**) that are "fused" together without proper punctuation and/or coordinating conjunctions (and, but, or, etc.)

Incorrect

o Jane enjoys walks on the beach she likes watching romantic movies.

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• This sentence has two subjects and two verbs but is missing punctuation and a coordinating conjunction.

Correct

o Jane enjoys walks on the beach, and she likes watching romantic movies.

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• This sentence contains proper *punctuation* and the coordinating conjunction <u>and</u>.

Comma Splices

• Using a comma to "splice" two <u>independent clauses</u> without the use of a *coordinating conjunction* (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) is an error.

Incorrect:

o Harry Potter is a great wizard, he will never be as great as Dumbledore.

Correct:

- o Harry Potter is a great wizard, but he will never be as great as Dumbledore.
 - This sentence is contains <u>proper punctuation</u> and the coordinating conjunction **but**.

Other Solutions

- Insert a *period* between the independent clauses.
 - o Jane enjoys walking on the beach. She also likes watching romantic movies.
- Insert a semicolon between the independent clauses.
 - o Harry Potter is great wizard; he will never be as great as Dumbledore.

