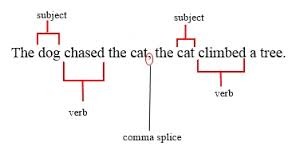
**Comma Splice**

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* A comma splice occurs when two complete sentences are joined by a comma, and there is no conjunction present.
* A complete sentence consists of a subject and a verb.
* Example:

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**Run-on Sentence**

* Run-on sentence involves two complete sentences merged together without any punctuation.

* Example: You wore a lovely hat it was your only defense.

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| **Ways to correct comma splice and run-on sentences** | **Example** |
| 1. Just add one of the **FANBOYS** coordinating conjunctions   **For**  **And**  **Nor**  **But**  **Or**  **Yet**  **So** | The dog chased the cat, **so** the cat climbed a tree.  You wore a lovely hat, **for** it was your only defense. |
| 1. Change the comma to a semicolon | The dog chased the cat**;** the cat climbed a tree.  You wore a lovely hat**;** it was your only defense. |
| 1. Make each clause a separate sentence | The dog chased the cat**.** The cat climbed a tree.  You wore a lovely hat**.** It was your only defense. |
| 1. Add a subordinating conjunction   **although as/as if once**  **even though so that while**  **provided that because until**  **after in order to when**  **even if unless where**  **since before why**  **whereas whether whereas** | The dog chased the cat **until** the cat climbed a tree.  You wore a lovely hat **because** it was your only defense. |