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## Run-on Sentences



A run-on (or fused) sentence occurs when **no punctuation at all** separates independent sentences.

Example: The snow needs to be shoveled get going on it right away.

## Comma Splices



Comma splices occur when two independent clauses (sentences) are joined with a comma that is not followed by a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet). A **comma splice** occurs when **only a comma separates** two independent sentences.

Example: The snow needs to be shoveled, get going on it right away.

## So, how do we revise them?

Run-on sentences and comma splices can be revised in a number of ways.

You can add a coordinating conjunction to the comma splice, or you can change the punctuation mark entirely.

1. The snow needs to be shoveled, **so** get going on it right away.
2. The snow needs to be shoveled; **get** going on it right away.
3. The snow needs to be shoveled. **Get** going on it right away.
4. Since the snow needs to be shoveled, **get** going on it right away.

## Transition words

Some transition words—*however, therefore, nevertheless, consequently, & then*—can't be used to connect the two sentences.

For example...

**NO:** The U.S. Postal Service is usually reliable, *however*, sometimes a letter may not be delivered for several years.

**YES:** The U.S. Postal Service is usually reliable; *however*, sometimes a letter may not be delivered for several years.