

Comma Splices

A comma splice happens when two sentences are connected with only a comma. They should be joined with a comma and a coordinating conjunction (*and, but or, nor, for, so, yet*), joined by a semicolon or made into two separate sentences. (Turn to page 86 in *Write Source 2000* for more information.)

EXAMPLE

Comma Splice:

Eating healthy food is good, sometimes you just crave junk food.

Correct:

Eating healthy food is good, but sometimes you just crave junk food.



Directions

Fix each comma splice by adding a connecting word (*and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet*), replacing the comma with a semicolon, or by breaking the sentence into two sentences. The first one has been done for you.

- Many foods that are labeled “natural” are full of sugar and salt, ^{and} some “low-fat” foods have unhealthy ingredients.
- Air-popped popcorn is fluffy and white, movie-theater popcorn is soggy and yellow.
- Candy bars taste better than energy bars, both kinds of bars give you an energy boost.
- There are regular, no-fat, and low-fat potato chips, the tastiest potato chips are flavored with barbeque, sour cream, and onions.
- Flour is the main ingredient in bread, rolls, and English muffins, it is also a major ingredient in cakes, donuts, and pies.
- Some people think pizza is a fattening food, it definitely can be.