

Comma splices

Grade 5 Sentences Worksheet

Rewrite these sentences fixing the comma splices.

1. We won the game, we lost the tournament.

2. I was a runner, I was one of the fastest.

3. She wants to succeed, she will work hard to be the best.

4. He wants to talk, he says he will call us later today.

5. The mayor will not vote for the issue, he doesn't believe in it.

6. Someone needs to help my teacher, she is carrying a lot of bags.

7. Everyone pays taxes, everyone doesn't like to pay taxes.

8. This company will earn a lot, they have great ideas to make money.

A **comma splice** is the use of a comma without a conjunction to join two independent clauses.

Fix comma splices by:

1. adding a conjunction
2. separating the clauses with a period, or
3. using a semi-colon “;”



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Answers

Answers may vary.

1. We won the game, we lost the tournament.
We won the game, **but** we lost the tournament.
2. I was a runner, I was one of the fastest.
I was a runner; I was one of the fastest.
3. She wants to succeed, she will work hard to be the best.
She wants to succeed. She will work hard to be the best.
4. He wants to talk, he says he will call us later today.
He wants to talk, **and** he says he will call us later today.
5. The mayor will not vote for the issue, he doesn't believe in it.
The mayor will not vote for the issue; he doesn't believe in it.
6. Someone needs to help my teacher, she is carrying a lot of bags.
Someone needs to help my teacher **because** she is carrying a lot of bags.
7. Everyone pays taxes, everyone doesn't like to pay taxes.
Everyone pays taxes, **but** everyone doesn't like to pay taxes.
8. This company will earn a lot, they have great ideas to make money.
This company will earn a lot; they have great ideas to make money.