

SPLICES (COMMA SPLICES)

Splices occur when two main clauses (or two complete sentences) are connected by a comma. Since coordinating conjunctions must accompany commas when connecting sentences, splices are incorrect.

EX:

Harry likes Stacy, she likes someone else. (SPICE)

Notice that there are two main clauses (or two complete sentences) within this splice:

Harry likes Stacy.

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She likes someone else.

SOLUTIONS

1. *Repair by adding a comma and a coordinating conjunction between the two complete sentences.*

EX:

Harry likes Stacy, but she likes someone else.

2. *Repair this splice by separating into two complete sentences.*

EX:

Harry likes Stacy. She likes someone else.

3. *Repair this splice by adding a semicolon between the two complete sentences.*

EX:

Harry likes Stacy; she likes someone else.

4. *Repair this splice by adding a semicolon, a conjunct, and comma between the two complete sentences.*

EX:

Harry likes Stacy; however, she likes someone else.

5. *Repair this splice by changing one of the sentences into a subordinate clause by adding a subordinator*

EX:

Harry likes Stacy although she likes someone else.