

# \*Comma Splices

- \* What is a comma splice?
- \* A comma splice occurs when a writer has connected two independent sentences with a comma.
- \* The problem looks like this:
- \* Independent sentence,  
independent sentence.

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\*How do you fix a comma splice?

\*Use one of the FANBOYS, use a period and capitalize the second sentence. You can also use a semicolon.

\*The following sentences are comma splices. Rewrite each sentence so that it is no longer a comma splice.

\*Joe was running late, Sarah was on time.

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- \* J.R.R. Tolkien wrote *The Hobbit*, he also wrote *The Lord of the Rings*.
- \* The class went on a field trip, they stopped at Thanksgiving Point.
- \* The class earned a break for being on time, the break included moving to another part in the room to visit with friends.

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\*Your turn!

\*Create 3 sentences with comma splices. Trade yours with your partner when you are finished and correct the sentences for them.