

Compound Sentences and Comma Splices

8th Writing - Grammar

COMPOUND SENTENCE

- Two or more *independent clauses*
- Joined by a *comma* and *coordinating conjunction* (FANBOY)
 - MAY contain any number of phrases
 - CANNOT contain any dependent clauses



Coordinating conjunction (FANBOY)

- Example: The costume frightened the little boy, so he ran off screaming.

Independent Clause

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Meet...THE FANBOYS!

(Coordinating conjunctions used to connect two independent clauses)

Coordinating Conjunctions

FANBOYS

For

And

Nor

But

Or

Yet

So



What do those words really mean?

- FOR = because
- AND = also
- NOR = also not
- BUT = however
- OR = to show an opposite or alternate idea
- YET = still...
- SO = therefore



CAUTION!

Common Sentence

Error Ahead!

Comma Splice

- When two complete sentences (usually independent clauses) are combined using ONLY a comma

MISSING A FANBOY!

- Cooking is my favorite hobby, I just wish I didn't have to do the dishes.

Fix it:

- Period and Capital
- Comma and Coordinating Conjunction
- Semi-Colon



Let's fix it with...A PERIOD AND CAPITAL

- INCORRECT: *Cooking is my favorite hobby. I just wish I didn't have to do the dishes.*
- CORRECT: *Cooking is my favorite hobby. I just wish I didn't have to do the dishes.*



Let's fix it with...A COMMA AND FANBOY

- INCORRECT: *Cooking is my favorite hobby. I just wish I didn't have to do the dishes.*
- CORRECT: *Cooking is my favorite hobby, but I just wish I didn't have to do the dishes.*



Let's fix it with...A SEMI-COLON

- INCORRECT: *Cooking is my favorite hobby. I just wish I didn't have to do the dishes.*
- CORRECT: *Cooking is my favorite hobby; I just wish I didn't have to do the dishes.*



Practice: Now you try it!

- Determine whether each sentence below is a correct sentence or a comma splice. If it is correct, do nothing. If it is a comma splice it, repair it!
 1. Our family loves Thai food, we order it once a week.
 2. My favorite dish is Pad Thai, the green curry is amazing, too.
 3. Pad Thai is a noodle dish with scrambled eggs, bean sprouts, and peanuts on top.
 4. It might sound different. The combination is amazing.
 5. Thai food can be very spicy, you can order it at varying heat levels.
 6. Satay, skewered beef or chicken, is also delicious, it is best when dipped in peanut sauce.
 7. You can try something new, you can stick to your old standby choices.
 8. Everyone should try Thai food at least once in their life, it is the one of the best ethnic foods.