

ASSIGNMENT #6:

Each sentence below consists of two or more independent clauses. Place brackets around each independent clause, and determine whether the sentence is a comma splice or a fused sentence. Correct each sentence with one of the techniques you just learned.

1. [Ellen had her hands full taking care of Stephen], [he was at the age where he was full of mischief]. Coma splice

Ellen had her hands full taking care of Stephen because he was at the age where he was full of mischief.

2. [The sky turned gray] [bolts of lightning flashed in the east] [thunder rolled across the mountains]. Run on

The sky turned gray, bolts of lightning flashed in the east; thunder rolled across the mountains.

3. [Americans are more conscious of the need for fitness], [they have become active sports enthusiasts], [they are more interested in good nutrition], [they are aware of the need to reduce stress]. Coma splice

Americans are more conscious of the need for fitness; they have become active sports enthusiasts, they are more interested in good nutrition, and they are aware of the need to reduce stress.

4. [Television can be entertaining], [it can also be boring]. Coma splice

Television can be entertaining but it can also be boring.

5. [Children learn from their parents' examples] [parents' behavior is an important part of their children's experience]. Run on

Children learn from their parents' examples; parents' behavior is an important part of their children's experience.

6. [The life of a farmer is a lonely one] [his opportunities to socialize are limited because of the constant attention he must give to the things he cultivates]. Run on

The life of a farmer is a lonely one. His opportunities to socialize are limited because of the constant attention he must give to the things he cultivates.

7. [Oil imports are very expensive], [we must learn to be economical in our use of energy].
Coma splice

Oil imports are very expensive; we must learn to be economical in our use of energy.

8. [Advanced methods of communication have made the world smaller], [people are thus brought closer together], [we find ourselves with common interests]. Coma splice

Advanced methods of communication have made the world smaller; people are thus brought closer together, and we find ourselves with common interest

9. [Some scientists call the computer essentially "stupid"] [others fear its capacity to "think."]
run on

Some scientists call the computer essentially “stupid” but others fear its capacity to “think”.

10. [College freshmen need help in making the transition from high school], [the sheer size of most colleges can be a problem to new students]. Coma splice

College freshmen need to help in making the transition from high school; the sheer size of most colleges can be a problem to new students.