

**ENGLISH 10  
UNIT II**

**LESSON THREE: RUN-ON SENTENCES/COMMA SPLICES**

Some sentences are so closely related that the writer "runs" them together with no punctuation (run-on sentences), or he joins them with a comma (comma splices). There are several ways to correct these problems.

**1. a period**

RUN-ON: The boys wanted pretzels the girls wanted popcorn.

COMMA SPLICE: The boys wanted pretzels, the girls wanted popcorn.

CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. a semi-colon (;)**

RUN-ON: The table is made of oak the bed is made of walnut.

COMMA SPLICE: The table is made of oak, the bed is made of walnut.

CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. a semi-colon + a conjunctive adverb\* + a comma (; however,)**

RUN-ON: The brakes on my car were faulty I had no time to fix them.

COMMA SPLICE: The brakes on my car were faulty, I had no time to fix them.

***\*however, moreover, nevertheless, thus, then, therefore, and consequently  
are conjunctive adverbs when they join two sentences\****

CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. a comma + a conjunction (and, but, or, nor, for, yet, so)**

RUN-ON: Mort flew to Chicago in March he drove to Chicago in May.

COMMA SPLICE: Mort flew to Chicago in March, he drove to Chicago in May.

CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. subordination of one sentence to a modifying phrase or clause**

RUN-ON: Bob passed out right at the dance we took him to emergency.

CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*The No. 1 way to fix run-on sentences and comma splices  
is to make them into two sentences using *a period and capital letter*.**