

## Comma Splices & Run-On Sentences 3

Another way to revise a run-on sentence or a comma splice is to restructure the sentence. If one of the independent clauses is less important than the other, change it into a subordinate clause or a phrase. Turn to page 557 and 744.1 and 744.2 in *Write Source*.

**Correct** the following sentences by using subordinate clauses or phrases.

1. An airship is different from a manned balloon it has an engine and steering equipment.

*An airship, which is different from a manned balloon, has an engine and steering equipment.*

2. The main body of an airship is a balloon filled with a lighter-than-air gas, the gas raises the airship and keeps it in the air.

3. A series of explosions was caused by the hydrogen gas used in airships, this led to the use of helium gas in United States craft in the 1920s.

4. Airships were also called dirigibles, zeppelins, or blimps they were used in World War I as bombers and as cargo and passenger carriers.

5. The *Hindenburg* was one of the largest airships ever built it exploded when its hydrogen gas somehow ignited, killing 36 people.

**Extend:** Write three run-on sentences about airplanes or air travel. Exchange papers with a classmate or work together. Experiment with a variety of ways to correct each sentence.