

## 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.

*Answers may vary.*

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.

*The main body of an airship is a balloon filled with lighter-than-air gas, which 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.

*A series of explosions, which were caused by the hydrogen gas used in the airships, 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.

*Airships, also called dirigibles, zeppelins, or blimps, 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.

*The Hindenburg, one of the largest airships ever built, 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.