Comma Splices & Run-On Sentences 1

A comma splice is a sentence error that results when two independent clauses are joined together with only a comma. A run-on sentence is a sentence error that results when two independent clauses are joined without any punctuation. Both of these errors can be corrected in one of several ways. Turn to page 557 in *Write Source*.

> **Place** an *RO* in front of each run-on sentence, a *CS* in front of each comma splice, and a *C* in front of each correct sentence. Correct each faulty sentence. Use the proofreading marks inside the back cover of *Write Source*.

CS 1. I never really enjoyed science, math is my favorite subject. *(or) ⊙M*

_____ 2. By the time we arrived, the show was nearly over, we missed everything but the credits and the cartoon.

_____ 3. Don't touch that chair it has just been painted.

_____ 4. I got an "A" on my English test. I've never gotten one before.

_____ 5. Some students would rather goof around than study, some adults went through the same thing when they were in school.

_____ 6. Some run-on sentences are easy to recognize, others are much more difficult.

_____ 7. Joan's mother works at the hospital her father works at the school.

_____ 8. John had to go to his violin lesson, however, he will stop by when he is through.

_____ 9. Katrin enjoys shopping for clothes, especially when someone else is paying for them.

_____ 10. Time goes slowly when you are working, it seems to fly when you are playing.

_____ 11. Akira will meet us at the skating rink later; he has to go home to pick up his skates.

Extend: Write two run-on sentences and two sentences with a comma splice. Exchange papers with a classmate and correct each other's sentence errors.