

## Comma Splices & Run-On Sentences 2

There are three basic ways to correct comma splices and run-ons: (1) use a comma and a coordinating conjunction, (2) use a semicolon, or (3) make the clauses into separate sentences. Turn to page 557 in *Write Source*.

**Correct** the following sentences by inserting a semicolon, a period and a capital letter, or a comma and a coordinating conjunction. Use each method at least twice.

1. Psychology is the science that studies all kinds of behavior. <sup>T</sup>the behavior may be normal, <sup>or</sup> the behavior may be abnormal.
2. Psychologists try to find answers to questions about thoughts, feelings, and actions and their findings help us understand why people behave as they do.
3. In the late 1800s, psychology developed into a science based on observation and experimentation prior to that, there were no systematic studies of the mind.
4. Sigmund Freud introduced the theory that behavior is determined by the unconscious mind he developed techniques to uncover repressed feelings.
5. Many psychologists disagree with some of Freud's ideas most accept that the unconscious has a major effect on behavior.
6. Cognitive psychologists concentrate on thinking processes and self-awareness, they believe there's more to human nature than a response to a stimulus.
7. Humanistic psychologists trust that people's values and choices affect their behavior they believe the psychologist helps people to realize their unique possibilities.
8. Understanding of individuals and groups has broadened because of these psychological studies, the insights from these studies can benefit people in their everyday lives.

**Extend:** Write three run-on sentences about whatever you believe influences your behavior. Exchange papers with a classmate and correct each other's work.