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Comma splices and fused sentences are common punctuation pattern errors that are easily corrected. A comma splice (CS) or a fused sentence (FS) occurs when two independent clauses, or two complete sentences, are incorrectly connected.

An **independent clause** is a group of words that contains a complete subject and verb and can stand alone as a sentence.

**Examples:** I enjoy amusement parks.

I did not

In the following **comma splice**, two independent clauses have been joined with a comma alone.

In the following **fused sentence**, the two independent clauses have been combined without any punctuation

**Comma Splice:** I enjoy amusement parks, I didn't have fun at Great America.

**Corrected:**



Below are passages from famous novels. The punctuation has been changed, and in some cases, coordinating conjunctions have been removed. Add punctuation and/or coordinating

Here are possible answers for the passages.

1. A Christmas frost had come at midsummer; a white December storm had whirled over June;