

GRAMMAR TIP #8: COMMA SPLICE



A comma splice happens when we link two independent clauses (IC) without adding a comma and a coordinating conjunction. An acronym often used to remember the coordinating conjunctions is FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so).

Examples:

Using only a comma creates a comma splice.

- The software used by the company is outdated, it creates several problems for the users.
- The software used by the company is outdated, so/and it creates several problems for the users.

After the comma, use a coordinating conjunction to link the two independent clauses. In some cases, more than one coordinating conjunction can be used based on the meaning:

So → cause/effect

And → two facts that are related

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