

Sentence Problems – revising to correct grammatical errors

Fragments – not a complete sentence

1. No subject: Opened the package. (who, what?)
The dog opened the package with its teeth.
2. No verb: Jim, who is the best player on the team. (what did Jim do?)
Jim, who is the best player on the team, won an award.
Jim is the best player on the team.
3. Dependent clause: After midnight.
After midnight, we went on a walk.

Comma Splice – I, I -- NO-NO! Comma Splice!

Example: We went on a walk, we had a pillow fight after that.

Fixing comma splices:

1. Write two (2) sentences: We went on a walk. We had a pillow fight after that.
2. Use a conjunction: We went on a walk and we had a pillow fight after that.
3. Use a semicolon: We went on a walk; we had a pillow fight after that.

After we went on a walk, we had a pillow fight.

Run-on sentences -- S V... S V.... SV.... Watch for repeated subjects and verbs

Example: Leaves that grow in low light are usually dark green leaves that grow in bright light are lighter green.

Fixing run-on sentences:

1. Leaves that grow in low light are usually dark green. Leaves that grow in bright light are lighter green.
2. Leaves that grow in low light are usually dark green, but leaves that grow in bright light are lighter green.
3. Leaves that grow in low light are usually dark green; leaves that grow in bright light are lighter green.