

Run-on sentences are independent clauses that have not been joined correctly. There are two main types: the comma splice and the fused sentence.

The **comma splice** has two main forms. The first is a run-on sentence joined by a comma alone, and the second is a run-on sentence joined by a comma and a word that is not a coordinating conjunction (the coordinating conjunctions are: and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet).

### Comma Splice Examples

Gestures are a means of communication for **everyone**, **they** are essential for the hearing-impaired.

Gestures are a means of communication ~~for~~ **everyone**, **but they** are essential for the

hearing-impaired.

Use a semicolon. A semicolon can also be accompanied by a transitional phrase.

Gestures are a means of communication for **everyone**; **they** are essential for the hearing-impaired.

Gestures are a means of communication for **everyone**; however, **they** are essential for the hearing-impaired.

Make the clauses into separate sentences.

Gestures are a means of communication for **everyone**. **They** are essential for the hearing-impaired.

Restructure the sentence so that one independent clause becomes a dependent clause.

**Although gestures**

### Sentence Decision Flow Chart

