

Instructions: Decide whether the sentences below contain a comma splice (CS), or a run-on sentence (RO), and write those symbols at the end of the sentence. Also, underline the part of the sentence that shows where the splice or run-on occurs, and finally, rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. Susie was lobbying with her friends to get a coffee bar set up in the student lounge, many parents didn't think offering caffeine to high school students was a good idea, however.

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2. Deirdre and Sal were chatting until the wee hours of the morning they were supposed to be studying for their Algebra II exam.

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3. While Mr. Allcrest's back was turned to the board, drawing an illustration of a cell, Sarah White was busy glaring at Jeremy's back he had been ignoring her all day and was now whispering to Lucy.

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4. Despite having straight "A's" all year, Mia was not feeling comfortable about her upcoming SAT exams, she decided not to attend the football game and study instead.

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5. There was quite a commotion in study hall today when Big Al Jared showed up with a loudspeaker, popping into the room and loudly announcing the upcoming prom contest, Mrs. Meeker was not pleased with the noisy interruption.

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6. All students who wish to try out for the Clancy High Junior Tennis Team should meet at the school courts at 3:15 p.m. promptly any person not present at that time will not be allowed to try out.

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Answer Key: Sponge Worksheet #13

Comma Splice:

1. lounge, many CS

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2. morning they RO

Deirdre and Sal were chatting until the wee hours of the morning. They were supposed to be studying for their Algebra II exam.

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Deirdre and Sal were chatting until the wee hours of the morning; they were supposed to be studying for their Algebra II exam.

3. back he RO

While Mr. Allcrest's back was turned to the board, drawing an illustration of a cell, Sarah White was busy glaring at Jeremy's back. He had been ignoring her all day and was now whispering to Lucy.

4. exams, she CS

Despite having straight "A's" all year, Mia was not feeling comfortable about her upcoming SAT exams, she decided not to attend the football game and study instead.

5. contest, Mrs. CS

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6. promptly any RO

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