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Grabbling with Grammar & Run-on Sentences

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Grabbling MS style!



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Good ol' Woody...



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Dumb blonde?

- ▶ A run-on sentence can be either the result of a **comma splice** or a **fused sentence**.



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Hammering the point home!

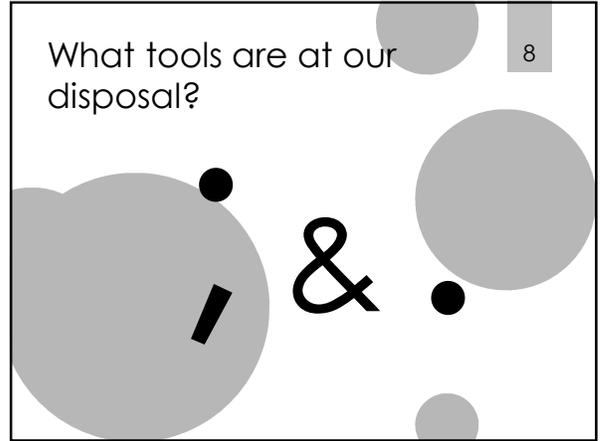
- ▶ **The Comma Splice**—the writer has used a comma without a conjunction in trying to connect two complete thoughts or sentences:
- ▶ Barak's army killed all of Sisera's troops, Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.



The comma is not strong enough by itself to connect the two.



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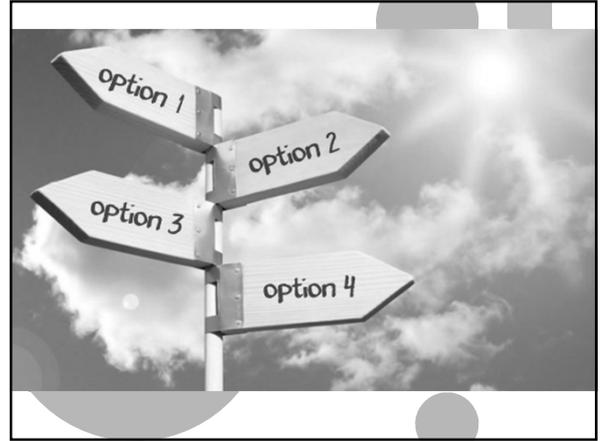


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Try the following:

- ▶ Barak's army killed all of Sisera's troops; Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.
- ▶ Barak's army killed all of Sisera's troops. Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.

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Add an adverbial conjunction!

- ▶ Barak's army killed all of Sisera's troops; however, Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.

Option 2

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Other Common Adverbial Conjunctions

- Consequently
- Otherwise
- Furthermore
- Therefore
- Instead
- Indeed
- Meanwhile
- Nevertheless

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Option 3

Coordinate conjunction and a comma.

- ▶ Barak's army killed all of Sisera's troops, but Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.
- ▶ Other coordinating conjunctions?
- ▶ for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

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- ▶ Coordinate conjunction
 - ▶ Joining two or more ideas that are of equal syntactic importance
- ▶ Subordinate conjunction
 - ▶ Joining a secondary idea or thought



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Option 4

Subordinate conjunction and a comma.

- ▶ Barak's army killed all of Sisera's troops while Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.
- ▶ Other subordinating conjunctions?
- ▶ after, until, although, since, before

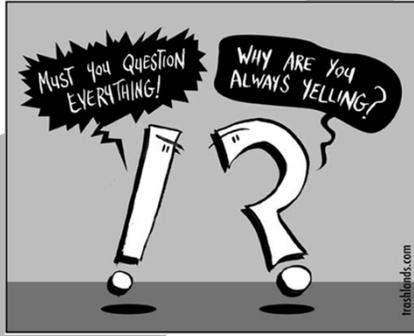
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