

## Comma Splices

**Circle all the sentences below that contain a comma splice.**

Remember, a comma splice is where a comma is used to join two separate sentences that could make sense on their own.

1. During the next seven days, you will receive an email with all the joining instructions.
2. I am writing to apply for the role of administrator in your company, I feel with my bubbly personality and experience I could bring a lot to your business.
3. I loved the restaurant. The food was perfect, it's also within walking distance from all the main attractions.
4. As you will discover, most shops in this area close at 5pm.
5. There are many advantages to living in a large city, which is why house prices have been continuing to increase year on year.
6. I hope your family is well, hopefully we'll be getting back to normal soon.
7. Keanu Reeves, who has starred in many different films, is worth millions of pounds.
8. Any donation counts, it's all going to a great cause.
9. Secondly, I would like to complain about the service, which was terrible.
10. We are looking to begin in July 2021, we will be sending the dates over soon.

**Try to rewrite all the sentences you have circled. Think about different ways they could be improved.**

## ANSWERS

1. During the next seven days, you will receive an email with all the joining instructions.

*This is not a comma splice because it uses a dependent clause at the beginning.*

2. I am writing to apply for the role of administrator in your company, I feel with my bubbly personality and experience I could bring a lot to your business.

*There is a brand new sentence with 'I feel'. Look out for words like I, you, he she, Tom, Zeenat etc as they often indicate you should start a new sentence.*

3. I loved the restaurant. The food was perfect, it's also within walking distance from all the main attractions.

*Again, 'it's also' starts a brand new sentence.*

4. As you will discover, most shops in this area close at 5pm.

*This is not a comma splice because it uses a dependent clause at the beginning.*

5. There are many advantages to living in a large city, which is why house prices have been continuing to increase year on year.

*This uses a dependent clause at the end so is not a comma splice.*

6. I hope your family is well, hopefully we'll be getting back to normal soon.

*There is a brand new sentence starting 'hopefully'. The part after the comma can be read on its own and make sense.*

7. Keanu Reeves, who has starred in many different films, is worth millions of pounds.

*The part inside the pair of commas gives additional information, so both commas are needed.*

8. Any donation counts, it's all going to a great cause.

*Again, these could be read as two separate ideas and both would make sense on their own.*

9. Secondly, I would like to complain about the service, which was terrible.

*This has a starting word 'secondly' that needs a comma and then a dependent clause at the end that needs a comma too.*

10. We are looking to begin in July 2021, we will be sending the dates over soon.

*This is a splice as both parts could be read on their own and still make sense.*

There are many ways you could rewrite the sentences. The easiest would have been to put a full stop where all the comma splices are and then start a new sentence. However, you may have been more creative and added in some conjunctions or additional words or phrases to adapt the sentences. Ask your teacher to check your sentences for you.