Avoiding Comma Splices

Identify whether the following sentences, written in nonfiction prose, include a comma splice. When a sentence does include a comma splice, suggest alternatives to the use of the comma or explain why the splice is acceptable.

1. I'm allergic to nuts but not peanuts, they are a legume.
   - Is the comma correct?  □ YES  □ NO
   - If yes, why? ____________________________________________________________
   - If no, rewrite the sentence to fix the problem:
     ____________________________________________________________
     ____________________________________________________________

2. The umbrella is broken, throw it away.
   - Is the comma correct?  □ YES  □ NO
   - If yes, why? ____________________________________________________________
   - If no, rewrite the sentence to fix the problem:
     ____________________________________________________________
     ____________________________________________________________

3. There are hundreds of people waiting in line for tickets, not all of them will prevail.
   - Is the comma correct?  □ YES  □ NO
   - If yes, why? ____________________________________________________________
   - If no, rewrite the sentence to fix the problem:
     ____________________________________________________________
     ____________________________________________________________
4. Don’t just walk, run to the store before the sale ends.
   Is the comma correct?  □ YES  □ NO
   If yes, why? ________________________________
   If no, rewrite the sentence to fix the problem:
   ____________________________________________________________________________

5. Fix the problem first, explain why it happened later.
   Is the comma correct?  □ YES  □ NO
   If yes, why? ________________________________
   If no, rewrite the sentence to fix the problem:
   ____________________________________________________________________________

6. You win some, you lose some.
   Is the comma correct?  □ YES  □ NO
   If yes, why? ________________________________
   If no, rewrite the sentence to fix the problem:
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