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## WORKSHEET

# 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_