

## Incorrect or missing punctuation

Two common punctuation errors:	
Common splices	A <b>comma splice error</b> is the <b>incorrect use of the comma</b> to join two independent clauses: e.g. <i>Engineering is a very practical discipline, it is about putting ideas into action.</i>
	e.g. <i>Engineering is about putting ideas into action, this makes it suitable for students who enjoy practical work.</i>
Run-on or fused sentences	A <b>run-on error</b> is where two or more sentences are combined into one sentence <b>without proper punctuation</b> : e.g. <i>Engineering is about putting ideas into action ^ therefore it is suitable for students who enjoy practical work.</i>
	e.g. <i>Engineering is a very practical discipline ^ it is about putting ideas into action.</i>
Correcting comma splices and run-on sentences	<b>Separate the two sentences with a full-stop</b> : e.g. <i>Engineering is a practical discipline. It is about putting ideas into action.</i>
	<b>Separate the two sentences with a semi-colon</b> (if they are closely related): e.g. <i>Engineering is about putting ideas into action; this makes it suitable for students who enjoy practical work.</i> (If you are not sure about semi-colons, use a full-stop).
	<b>Use a co-ordinating conjunction</b> : e.g. <i>Engineering is about putting ideas into action, and it is suitable for students who enjoy practical work.</i>
	<b>Use a subordinating conjunction</b> : e.g. <i>Engineering is a very practical discipline because it is about putting ideas into action.</i>