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## Punctuation: Commas

According to Connor and Lunsford (2008), the following rank among the top 20 most common writing errors:

1. Run-on sentences
2. No comma in a compound sentence (fused sentences)
3. Comma splices

Review your comma knowledge by completing the following assignments:

1. Read pgs. 45-46 in your resource packet: "7 Steps to Becoming a Comma Superhero." While you read, do the following:
  - a. Highlight each major rule
  - b. Note the placement of the comma in each example
2. Complete the comma exercises below

### Comma Practice

Each of the following sentences is a run-on. In the space provided, label the run-on type: Fused (F) or Comma Splice (CS). Then, make the necessary corrections. (Note: Corrections may vary).

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The lake reflected her hair I saw it fan across the boat like a golden cobweb.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. She invited me to join her for a walk around the park, however, I was still mad at her, so I didn't go.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Adrenaline pulsed through my heart I traced his outline in my mind.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The attic's shutters banged against the windows it sounded like cold knuckles upon hollow wood.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Our boat passed a plastic bag floating in the water something moved inside.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The hermit climbed a furry rock and stared into the pond, then, he dove in.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I opened the rusty gate, sneaked into the forgotten garden, and planted his sword in the black earth, I smiled.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. He shook his umbrella three times before launching through the front door we continued our poker game in the kitchen.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The book slipped out of my hands, down my chair, and underneath the stained, threadbare sofa, I napped for hours.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. We prepared ourselves for the two-week visit, nevertheless, it did not take long for our guest to outwear his welcome.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. I dumped green olives, honey, chocolate syrup, and celery into the blender, that would teach her to make fun of my cooking.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Scales glittered in midair sweat pierced the fisherman's brow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Flies gathered in the garbage can, awaiting the next deposit, wilted lettuce became their bench.

### Online Quiz Scores

Go to the blog and complete the 4 online quizzes that are linked to today's post. Make note of your scores in the space provided (complete assignment by \_\_\_\_\_).

Comma Splices Exercise 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Comma Splices Exercise 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Run-ons Exercise 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Run-ons Exercise 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
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