Course: English composition 1

Course code: ENGL 101

Topic: Comparison or contrast paragraphs

Skill: Composition

Run-on sentences- Has at least two parts, either one of which can stand by itself, but the two parts have been smooched together instead of being properly connected.

* It is important to realize that the length of a sentence really has nothing to do with whether a sentence is a run-on or not; being a run-on is a structural flaw that can plague even a very short sentence*

Example:

The sun is high, put on some sunblock.

It's cold outside, put on a jacket.

Comma splice- When two independent clauses are connected by only a comma, they constitute a run-on sentence that is called a comma-splice.

 *A comma slice is the use of a comma to join two independent causes. *

The example just above (about the sunscreen) is a comma-splice. When you use a comma to connect two independent clauses, it must be accompanied by a little conjunction (and, but, for, nor, yet, or, so).

Example:

The sun is high, so put on some sunscreen.

El empalme de coma es útil para unir información inmediatamente relativa al anterior.

Es necesario utilizar empalme de coma para unir 2 diferentes cláusulas que, sin ello, no haría sentido unir la oración.

Tip: Para determinar si el párrafo contiene una cláusula, lee como si estuvieras hablando y detenidamente, observa cuando hagas una pausa naturalmente como cuando decimos, Por ejemplo, siempre habrá una pausa al leerlo, eso denota el comienzo de una clausula

Exercises: insert the comma splice in the following sentences.

1. Judy leads a charmed life she never seems to have a serious accident.

2. The airport is about to shut down because of the snow and if the plane doesn't land soon it will have to go on to Boston.

3. The show begins at 7:30 make sure you're there before 7:15.

Web Resources:

https://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/runons.htm

Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fh45mhVsZrU

 References:

https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/writingcenter/grammar/runonsentences