

Discussion Questions

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1. What is a comma splice? How can you avoid making them?
2. Discuss the difference between a clause and a phrase. Give an example of each.
3. What is an independent clause?
4. Explain a grammatical reason that Rule 3c is correct.
5. What's one way to tell if words in a sentence are not essential and should be set off with commas?
6. If I say: "My sister, Sue, is here." Do I have more than one sister?
7. Is the comma correctly placed in the following sentence? *The things that cause me joy, may also cause me pain.*
8. Which is correct? (A: *My mother, Angela, is a wonderful cook.* (B: *My mother Angela is a wonderful cook.* Why?
9. Correct or not? *Applications are due by 31 December 2017.* Why?
10. Which is correct? (A: *Cleo is a good singer but she's an even better dancer.* (B: *Cleo is a good singer, but she's an even better dancer.* Why?