

# Grammar

# Comma Splice

two complete sentences hooked together  
with a comma

For example: She went to the zoo, he  
drove the car home.

# how to fix a comma splice

She went to the zoo. He drove the car home.

She went to the zoo; he drove the car home.

She went to the zoo, and he drove the car home.

# Reflexive Pronouns

Myself, Herself, Himself

Once you're done filling out the form,  
return it to myself or Jim.

(This is incorrect. Discuss.)

# Punctuation Saves Lives!

Let's eat Grandma!

Let's eat, Grandma!

# Capital Letters can Change Meaning

I helped my Uncle Jack off a horse.

I helped my uncle jack off a horse.

# Colons and Semicolons

Think Volleyball

Colons are the players who set up for a spike.  
Semicolons are the net and serve to separate.

She sat me down, told me she loved me, and  
revealed a shocking secret: I was adopted!

I sat in disbelief; she began to cry.

# Em dash

An em dash is a wide dash which can be used in a variety of circumstances in written text. Em dashes can help punctuate complex sentences, hook fragments to sentences nearby, and guide the pacing of your reader.

For example: The audience could smell the food, the cigarettes—could hear the forks and knives clinking and scraping the plates.



# Punctuation Marks Change Meaning

A woman without her man is nothing.

A woman: without her, man is nothing.

# Compound Adjectives

Compound adjectives need to be hyphenated.

For example:

three-mile hike

four-hour drive

one-of-a-kind smile

# Punctuating Direct Quotes

The fight continued. “I didn’t want to go to the zoo in the first place,” he said.

“Me neither!” she said, walking slowly away from the car. “I hate seeing animals in captivity.”

He smiled and said, “That’s why I love you. You care about animals in zoos.”

# In-Text Citations, MLA

The Schroth Method creates individual exercises for patients based on their specific curvature and degree of curvature. Essentially, the Schroth Method creates an awareness for patients of their posture and teaches them to “breathe into the collapsed areas in order to elongate and tense muscles to create muscle activation in the direction of the correction” (Berdishevksy, 3:09). The Schroth Method essentially mirrors the curvatures of the spine in an attempt to create an elongation of the trunk (Berdishevksy).