Run-Ons and Comma Splices

Here are 4 ways to correct run-on sentences and comma splices in your writing—

- **USE A COORDINATING CONJUNCTION**
  
  Example—Run-on: NO
  Karen does volunteer work at an extended care facility she also has a weekend job.

  Example—Comma Splice: NO
  Karen does volunteer work at an extended care facility, she also has a weekend job.

  Corrected version: YES
  Karen does volunteer work at an extended care facility, and she also has a weekend job.

- **USE A SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION**
  
  Example—Run-on: NO
  The insurance company never received our payment we mailed the check out a week before the due date.

  Example—Comma Splice: NO
  The insurance company never received our payment, we mailed the check out a week before the due date.

  Corrected version: YES
  The insurance company never received our payment although we mailed the check out a week before the due date.

- **USE A SEMICOLON**
  
  Example—Run-on: NO
  The guest speaker waited for questions from the class nobody said a word.

  Example—Comma Splice: NO
  The guest speaker waited for questions from the class, nobody said a word.

  Corrected version: YES
  The guest speaker waited for questions from the class; nobody said a word.

- **USE A PERIOD**
  
  Example—Run-on: NO
  Dana’s ambition is to start her own obedience and pet-grooming business she hopes that she’ll be able to open her own shop soon.

  Example—Comma Splice: NO
  Dana’s ambition is to start her own obedience and pet-grooming business, she hopes that she’ll be able to open her own shop soon.

  Corrected version: YES
  Dana’s ambition is to start her own obedience and pet-grooming business. She hopes that she’ll be able to open her own shop soon.