Run- On Sentences

**Definition of a Run-On Sentence:** A run-on sentence is a sentence in which two or more independent clauses are joined together without an appropriate punctuation or connecting word (conjunction).

The following is a **run-on sentence**:
- Leonardo Da Vinci was a great painter he was also an inventor.

**Definition of a Comma Splice:** A comma splice occurs when only a comma separates two independent sentences.

The following is a **comma splice**:
- Leonardo Da Vinci was a great painter, he was also an inventor.

**Fixing Run-on Sentences and Comma Splices**

1. *Place a period between the two complete thoughts.*
   - Leonardo Davinci was a great painter. He was also an inventor.

2. *Place a semicolon between the two complete thoughts.*
   - Leonardo Davinci was a great painter; he was also an inventor.

3. *Place a comma and a conjunction between the two complete thoughts.*
   - Leonardo Davinci was a great painter, and he was also an inventor.

**More Examples:**

**X** Katie is a hardworking student she studies for hours in the library.
**√** Katie is a hardworking student. She studies for hours in the library.

**X** Los Angeles has warm weather, it’s especially warm in the summer.
**√** Los Angeles has warm weather, but it’s especially warm in the summer.

**X** Suddenly, there was a loud banging noise coming from outside the couple decided to go outside to check where the noise was coming from.
**√** Suddenly, there was a loud banging noise coming from outside. The couple decided to go outside to check where the noise was coming from.