

## Lesson 1 Using full stops to avoid comma splicing Answers

### Red

Indicate where a full stop should be to avoid comma splicing.

- Look only for where commas are used to join two main clauses in a sentence.
- Write the two words either side of the comma that needs changing and add a full stop.
- Don't forget to use a capital letter to start the second sentence!

Example.

Gerald is going shopping, he is going to get his groceries.

We correct this and write the answer as follows: **shopping. He**

They walked up to the ancient **ruin**. It was twilight and the shadows were gathering fast. It was very difficult to make out the footpath that led up to the grand portcullis of the castle. The rickety drawbridge groaned in the evening wind and swung eerily over the empty **moat**. It was tempting to just turn and go **home**. They did not want to go there but they had no **choice**. In the castle their host was awaiting them

The ice-cream was **sweet**. It was made of strawberries and **cream**. That day they had walked for miles in dusty **heat**. It was such a relief to find that cool cafe on the hilltop selling ice-creams of every size and **flavour**. That made all the hard working worthwhile. It was blissfully creamy and slipped so softly down their parched **throats**. This had to be the best ice-cream in the whole wide **world**. This is what they felt and perhaps they were right...

The umbrella was large and stripy with a curved handle like an elephant's **trunk**. It was so huge that four people could walk underneath **it**. That was great fun. Sometimes the whole family would venture out in the rain just to hear it pattering on the great **umbrella**. People laughed at them,

but it was only because they wished they had one **too**. There was not a single shop in the whole world where you could buy another one like it.

## Yellow

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- Write the two words either side of the comma that needs changing and add a full stop.
- Can you identify where a full stop has been placed incorrectly?

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