

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

### 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.

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- Can you identify where a full stop has been placed incorrectly?



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- Can you identify where full stops have been placed incorrectly?