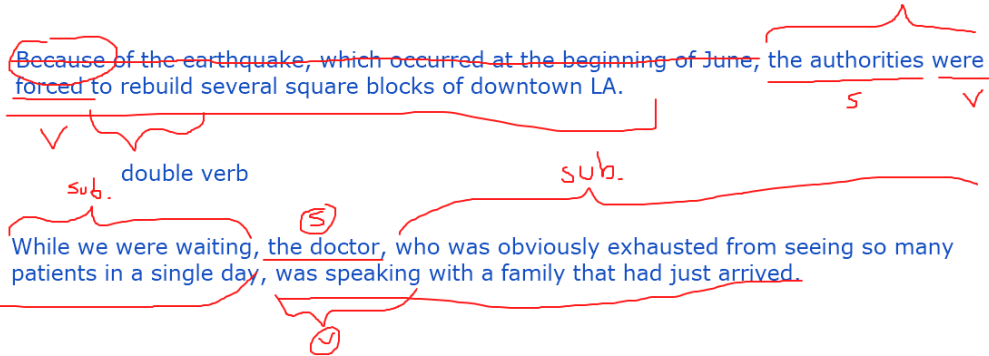


After we finished the exam.



COMMA SPLICE --> Join together two independent clauses with a comma and nothing else.

INCORRECT: The children were not ready, the adults, however, were.

CORRECT: The children were not ready; the adults, however, were.

The children were not ready. The adults, however, were.

The children were not ready, but the adults were.

We can use a comma if we insert a conjunction between the two sentences.

CONJUNCTIONS:

- For
- And
- Nor
- But
- Or
- Yet
- So, since

She didn't study, yet she still passed the exam.

COLONS

b. Used to clarify a phrase that came immediately before the colon.

My brother has one big pet peeve: people who don't clean up after their dogs.

The detective then realized there could only be one explanation: the killer was still
in the house.

DASHES:

- Can be used like use (b) of the colon.

My sister has one big pet peeve--people who don't clean up after their dogs.

PUNCTUATION

1. Commas

- NO COMMA SPLICES
- DON'T OVERUSE COMMAS --> NO PAUSE IN A SENTENCE, NO COMMA

My sister, who lives ~~in~~ New York, has three cats ~~and~~ four dogs.

2. SEMICOLONS

- Used to join two complete sentences WITH NO CONJUNCTION BETWEEN

CORRECT: The cat is thin; the dog is fat.

INCORRECT: The cat is thin; but the dog is fat.

- YOU MUST HAVE A COMPLETE SENTENCE ON EACH SIDE OF THE SEMICOLON

3. COLONS

- a. Used with a list IF THERE IS A FULL STOP AFTER THE LIST

INCORRECT: We need several things from the supermarket, including: eggs, milk, and butter.

CORRECT: We need several things from the supermarket: eggs, milk, and butter.

My sister bought a used car.

The car was in good condition, with only 10,000 miles.

Later, she drove to Michigan.

Her best friend lives in Michigan.

My sister bought a new car in good condition, with only 10,000 miles, and later drove to Michigan, where her best friend lives.

and later drove to her best friend's house, which is in Michigan.

When my sister bought a new car, which was in good condition, with only 10,000 miles, she drove to Michigan, where her best friend lives.