



EXERCISE: USE ONE OF THE ABOVE METHODS TO CORRECT THE FOLLOWING COMMA SPLICES.

1. The suspicious woman crept through Helen's backyard, the woman disappeared into the woods bordering Helen's property.
2. Oscar brought his family's garbage and recycling behind their condominium complex, he sorted the bags into appropriate receptacles.
3. By tracing Toomer's repetitive lyric phrases – indicators of blues style and collective voice – throughout *Cane*, we can assess *Cane's* complex relationship to early blues music development, in addition, we can better understand the relationship between Toomer's oscillating use of realistic and romantic language and blues music.
4. My heart beats fast, my hands shake.
5. People across the world are becoming more and more similar to one another, globalization has both positive effects and negative consequences.

HAVING TROUBLE? Let's take a closer look at these strategies for joining independent clauses.

#### Comma and Coordinating Conjunction

Use the acronym FANBOYS to remember the seven coordinating conjunctions: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so. To join two independent clauses, add a comma after the first independent clause and a coordinating conjunction directly after

### Restructure Sentences Using a Dependent Clause

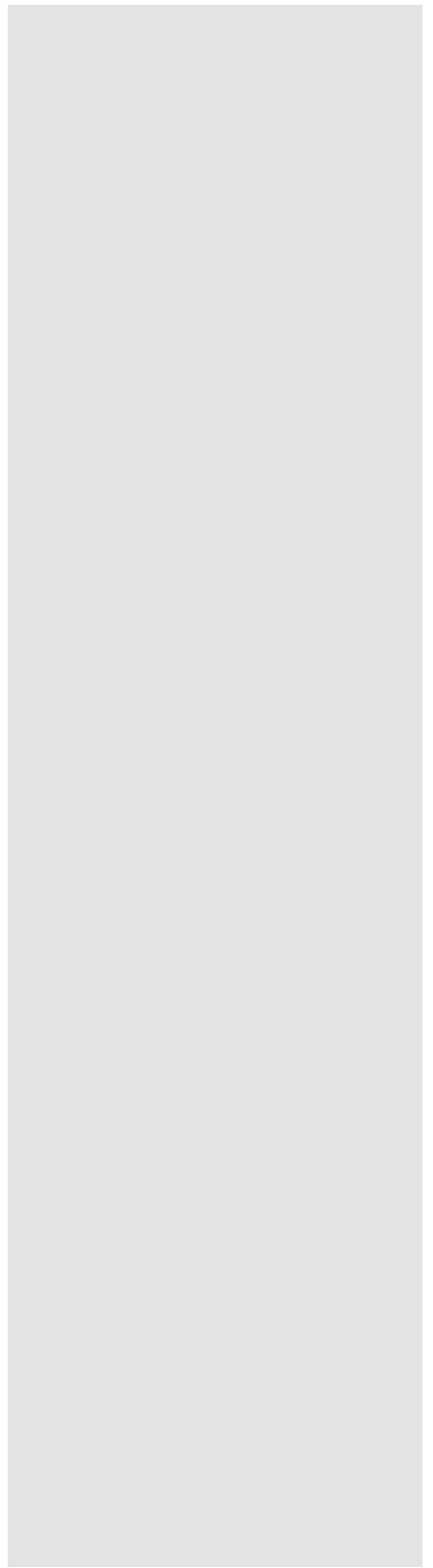
Add a dependent clause to an independent clause to create a complex sentence. When dependent clauses are placed before independent clauses, commas must follow dependent clauses.

EXAMPLE: Although air pollution poses risks to all people, it can be deadly for asthma sufferers.

HAVING TROUBLE? In order to understand how to join independent clauses, you should

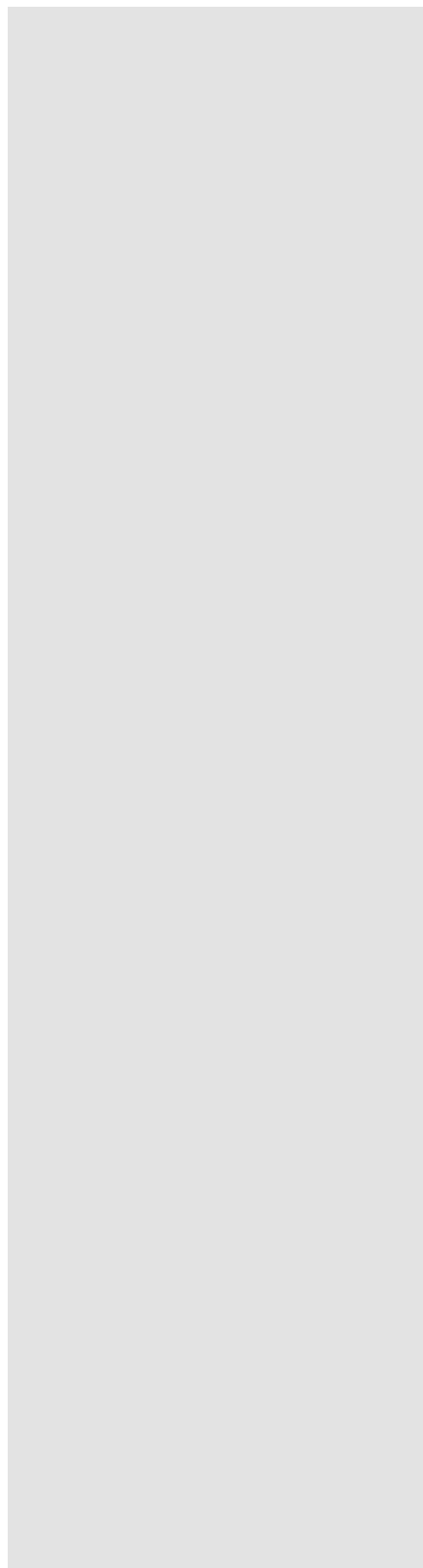
## Understanding Subjects and Verbs

DEFINITION: Sentences are made up of subjects and verbs



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4. Throughout the beginning of my term in Professor Corr's class, I enacted a strategic approach to learning, as the final paper's due date approached, my typical strategic tactics began to fail.
5. Of the many geysers in Yellowstone National Park, the most famous is Old Faithful, its spray sometimes reaches 150 feet in height.
6. Mary McLeod Bethune was the seventeenth child of former slaves, she founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935.
7. I resisted help for both reasons, I wanted to retain the feeling of autonomy that I had forged through years of English courses with traditional assessment schemas, I was too proud to admit that I needed help with the project's technological component.
8. Most people think that Ellen and Tina are twins, Ellen, however, is two years older than Tina.
9. The economy is slowly improving, more businesses on my block are opening.