IDENTIFYING RUN-ON SENTENCES
Comma Splice
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Fused Sentence
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CORRECTING RUN-ON SENTENCES
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Add a subordinate conjunction:
Since Steve is saving for college, he will be attending in the fall.

Add a comma and a FANBOYS*:
Steve is saving for college, and he will be attending in the fall.

Add a semicolon:
Steve is saving for college; he will be attending in the fall.

Add a semicolon and a conjunctive adverb:
Steve is saving for college; therefore, he will be attending in the fall.

*FANBOYS=for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so
IDENTIFYING FRAGMENTS

Dependent Clause Fragment

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Afterthought Fragment

And will attend in the fall.

-ing Fragment

Finding his account empty.

-to Fragment

To go to college.

CORRECTING FRAGMENTS

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And Steve will attend in the fall.

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