Sentence boundaries, colons and nonessential information

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Word	Example
• **sentence boundary** /ˈsentəns ˈbaʊndəri/	Check each **sentence boundary** before you choose the punctuation.
independent clauses	Join two **independent clauses** with a semicolon or with “, and”.
comma splice /ˈkɒmə splaɪs/	Fix the **comma splice** by using a full stop.
colon /ˈkəʊlən/	A **colon** can introduce an explanation after a complete sentence.
( ) nonessential element	Set off a **nonessential element** with commas: “My sister, who lives in Ningbo, is a nurse.”

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