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Comma Splices and Fused Sentences - Exercise 4

This week's assignment failed to pick the correct answer for sentence 4. I happened to get 19/20 correct.

Sentence (4) My cat Buster is always tipping over the garbage **can, then** he searches through the trash for milk jug caps, which he bats around the floor, the feline version of playing ice hockey.

The options were: **(A)** can, then **(B)** can, but then **(C)** can, and then. My first incorrect answer **was (B)**. **However, the correct answer is (B)**.

The mistake I made was believing that "but" was correct to join both sentences, which was incorrect. Why? According to chompchomp, a perfectly legal move in writing is to connect two main clauses with a comma and coordinate conjunction like But. However, I must remember that I must choose a coordinating meeting that logically connects the two clauses. In the example but, a transition that shows contrast is illogical. So a comma splice incorrectly joins two main clauses with a comma. Therefore, in this case, putting the But will be incorrect.

Work cited

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