These are both examples of clauses. A clause has a subject and a predicate.

Johnny plays the piano. INDEPENDENT

While Johnny plays the piano. DEPENDENT

Comma splice – THE JOINING TOGETHER OF TWO INDEPENDENT CLAUSES BY A COMMA.

Johnny plays the piano, Mary plays the fiddle.

1. Separate the two clauses by a period. Johnny plays the piano. Mary plays the fiddle.
2. Separate the two clauses by a semicolon. Johnny plays the piano; Mary plays the fiddle.
3. Add a FANBOYS – for, and, not, but, or, yet, so Johnny plays the piano, and Mary plays the fiddle.
4. Make one of the independent clauses dependent.

Johnny plays the piano while Mary plays the fiddle. IC DC

While Johnny plays the piano, Mary plays the fiddle. DC, IC

Advanced – a fifth way to correct a comma splice – by adding a conjunctive adverb

1. Johnny plays the piano; meanwhile, Mary plays the fiddle.