

SEMICOLONS BETWEEN CLAUSES; WITH TRANSITIONAL WORDS

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- Use a semicolon between the clauses of a compound sentence when they are not joined by a conjunction.
- Use a semicolon between the clauses of a compound sentence when they are joined by certain transitional words.
- The semicolon comes before the transitional word, and a comma follows the transitional word.

EXERCISE Add semicolons and commas where needed to the sentences below. On the blank line, write the number of punctuation marks you added to each sentence.

EXAMPLE Most insects have a highly developed sense of smell; however, human beings do not.

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| 1. Black pepper is the whole fruit white pepper is made by removing the outer hull. | 1. _____ |
| 2. Lime juice was once considered necessary to avoid scurvy however vitamin C from any other source is just as effective. | 2. _____ |
| 3. Chicago is often as cold as Antarctica indeed Chicago in January and February is sometimes colder. | 3. _____ |
| 4. Travelers crossing the international date line going west lose a day those going east gain a day. | 4. _____ |
| 5. January is wintertime in the United States it is summertime in South America. | 5. _____ |
| 6. The children ate all of the green apples as a result many had stomachaches. | 6. _____ |
| 7. The color of a tokay lizard may vary nevertheless it is usually gray and red. | 7. _____ |
| 8. Mitchell's charcoal drawing was excellent it won first prize. | 8. _____ |
| 9. The temperature hovered around 20 degrees as a result we added antifreeze to the car. | 9. _____ |
| 10. In China and Japan, bats are well liked indeed they are considered signs of happiness. | 10. _____ |

APPLICATION Write compound sentences that follow the directions below.

1. Join two clauses with a semicolon only.

2. Join two clauses with a semicolon and the word *however*.

EXERCISE 30.2

Combine each of the following pairs of sentences into one sentence by using a semicolon. Example:

The exam begins in two hours/ [;] ^p please be on time.

1. If you are preoccupied, your game will suffer. An opportunity for a relaxing afternoon will turn into a frustrating experience.
 2. City life offers many advantages. In many ways, however, life in a small town is much more pleasant.
 3. Florida's mild winter climate is ideal for bicycling. In addition, the terrain is very flat.
 4. Physical education forms an important part of a university's program. Nevertheless, few students and professors clearly recognize its value.
 5. The debate over "political correctness" affects more than the curriculum. It also affects students' social relationships.
 6. Voltaire was concerned about the political implications of his skepticism. He warned his friends not to discuss atheism in front of the servants.
 7. Kerosene, solar power, and electricity are popular sources of energy for heating homes in New England. The most popular, however, is wood.
 8. My high school was excessively competitive. Virtually everyone went on to college, many to the top schools in the nation.
 9. Pittsburgh was once notorious for its smoke and grime. Today its skies and streets are cleaner than those of many other American cities.
 10. Propaganda is defined as the spread of ideas to further a cause. Therefore, propaganda and advertisement are synonymous terms.
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