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## Semicolons

Semicolons act as periods, but they establish relationships between two independent clauses (complete sentences) that are much more closely related than normal sentences. If periods go between sentences that are in the same family, semicolons go between twins.

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## Exercise on Semicolon Use

Directions: Choose the letter that corresponds to the correct answer.

1. My brother is a great guy; my cousin is not.

A. Change the semicolon to a comma

B. Sentence correctly uses a semicolon between closely related ideas

B. Sentence correctly uses a semicolon between closely related independent clauses

10. I don't think he meant to hurt your feelings; however, I do think he can be cruel at times.

A. Change the semicolon to a comma

B. Sentence correctly uses a semicolon before an adverb that joins independent clauses

## Semicolon Exercise 2

For the online version of this exercise, go to

[http://depts.dyc.edu/learningcenter/owl/exercises/semicolons\\_ex1.htm](http://depts.dyc.edu/learningcenter/owl/exercises/semicolons_ex1.htm)

### Instructions

Semicolons act as periods: you need a full sentence on both sides of a semicolon. A semicolon belongs in each of the following sentences. Determine where the semicolon belongs. Then select the word that comes just before the semicolon.

### Questions

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1. It is raining outside I will bring my umbrella with me.

a.) raining

b.) outside

c.) umbrella

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2. Hopefully, the weather will change soon otherwise, the whole summer will go by without the sun shining.

a.) soon

b.) otherwise

c.) summer

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3. She doesn't understand algebra therefore, she will probably not pass the math final.

a.) understand

b.) algebra

c.) therefore

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4. We will play tennis tomorrow then we will go out for dinner.

a.) play

b.) tennis

c.) tomorrow

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### Semicolon Exercise 3

For the online version of this exercise, go to



- b.) them
- c.) no semicolon

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7. Their house and garden are extremely important to them that's why they take care of their property so well.

- a.) garden
- b.) them
- c.) no semicolon

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8. When planting impatiens, it's important to plant some in the sun and some in the shade because it's hard to tell how much of each needs.

- a.) sun
- b.) shade
- c.) no semicolon

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