**Semicolons ( ; )**

1. Use a semicolon between independent clauses (parts of a sentence that could be a sentence on their own) if they are not joined by *and, but, or, for, so,* or *yet.*
   1. I went to the store in the morning; it always seems to be less crowded then.
   2. My mom is reading *Shadow and Act*; it is a collection of essays by Ralph Ellison.
2. Use a semicolon between independent clauses joined by a conjunctive adverb such as *however, therefore, furthermore,* or *for instance*. Place a semicolon before the conjunctive adverb and a comma after the conjunctive adverb.
   1. Sherlock Holmes is a fictional character; however, many people are convinced that he actually did exist.
   2. I am a vegetarian; therefore, I do not eat hamburgers.
   3. Chemical changes occur constantly in nature; for instance, lightning causes a chemical change in the air.
3. RARE USE: Use a semicolon between items in a series if the items/pairs contain commas.
   1. I have lived in Evansville, Indiana; Bloomington, Indiana; Graham, North Carolina; and High Point, North Carolina.
   2. I will interview George, the carpenter; Sally, the florist; and Greg, the butcher

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