

SEMICOLON

It is most commonly used to link (in a single sentence) two independent clauses that are closely related in thought. It establishes equality between two or more ideas (parts) in a sentence.

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Q1: In which of the following sentences is a semicolon used correctly?

- A: Joe watered the garden and; the plants did not grow.
 - B: Joe watered the garden; however, the plants did not grow...
 - C: Joe watered the garden but the plants; did not grow.
 - D: Joe watered; the garden yet the plants did not grow.
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Q2: Which of the following sentences demonstrates the correct use of a semicolon to separate items in a list?

- A: These are actual cities in the United States: Unalaska, Alaska; Yreka, California; Two Egg, Florida; and Boring, Maryland.
 - B: These are actual cities in the United States: Unalaska; Alaska, Yreka; California, Two Egg; Florid, and Boring; Maryland.
 - C: These are actual cities in the United States: Unalaska, Alaska, Yreka, California, Two Egg, Florida, and Boring, Maryland.
 - D: These are actual cities in the United States: Unalaska Alaska, Yreka California, Two Egg Florida, and Maryland.
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Q3: In which sentence is the semicolon used to correct a comma splice?

- A: I don't speak French; however, I wish I did.
 - B: They are here; to pick up the boxes.
 - C: You guys go; since I'm sick.
 - D: She is not going to the school; today.
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Q4: The hill was covered with wildflowers; it was a beautiful sight. Check whether the semicolon is placed correctly or not.

- A: Correct
 - B: Incorrect
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Q5: The artist preferred to paint in oils; he did not like watercolors.

- A: Correct
 - B: Incorrect
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Q6: The house was clean, the table set, and the porch; light on everything was ready for the guests' arrival.

- A: Correct
 - B: Incorrect
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Q7: The computer could perform millions of operations in a split second; however, it could not think spontaneously.

- A: Correct
 - B: Incorrect
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Q8: The dog, growling and snarling, snapped at me; I was so frightened that I ran.

- A: Correct
 - B: Incorrect
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Q9: The snowstorm dumped twelve inches of snow on the interstate; subsequently, the state police closed the road. Where to place the semicolon?

- A: Inches of snow;
 - B: The state police closed the door;
 - C: Snow on the interstate;
 - D: None of these
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Q10: In the first place, it was snowing too hard to see the road. In the second place, we had no chains.

- A: Hard to see;
 - B: See the road;
 - C: Second place;
 - D: First place;
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Answers

Q1: B - Joe watered the garden; however, the plants did not grow...

Q2: A - These are actual cities in the United States: Unalaska, Alaska; Yreka, California; Two Egg, Florida; and Boring, Maryland.

Q3: A - I don't speak French; however, I wish I did.

Q4: A - Correct

Q5: A - Correct

Q6: B - Incorrect

Q7: A - Correct

Q8: A - Correct

Q9: C - Snow on the interstate;

Q10: B - See the road;