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Which punctuation mark is stronger than a comma but weaker than a period?

- Colon
- Semicolon
- Dash
- Hyphen

When should a semicolon NOT be used?

- Between two independent clauses
- In a complex list
- Between a dependent and an independent clause
- Before a conjunctive adverb

Which sentence correctly uses a semicolon before a conjunctive adverb?

- I wanted to go for a walk; however, it started raining.
- I wanted to go for a walk, however, it started raining.
- I wanted to go for a walk however it started raining.
- I wanted to go for a walk: however, it started raining.

Which of the following are common errors when using semicolons? (Select all that apply)

- Using them between a dependent and independent clause
- Using them to join two independent clauses
- Using them in place of a comma in a simple list
- Using them before a conjunctive adverb

Identify and correct the error in this sentence: "I wanted to call you, however, I lost your number."

Provide an example of a sentence that correctly uses a semicolon before a conjunctive adverb.

Identify the correct uses of semicolons in the following sentences. (Select all that apply)

- I have a meeting tomorrow; I need to prepare.
- She likes coffee; and tea.
- We traveled to Tokyo, Japan; Seoul, South Korea; and Beijing, China.
- He was tired; but he kept working.

Rewrite the following sentence using a semicolon: "The sun set, the sky turned dark."

Describe a scenario where using a semicolon in a list is necessary. Provide an example.

Explain why a semicolon is used instead of a comma to connect two independent clauses.

Discuss the difference between using a semicolon and a colon in a sentence. Provide examples to illustrate your points.

In which situations is it appropriate to use a semicolon? (Select all that apply)

- To separate items in a list with internal commas
- To join two independent clauses without a conjunction
- To introduce a list
- To separate two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction

In which of the following lists is a semicolon necessary?

- Apples, oranges, bananas
- Paris, France; Berlin, Germany; Rome, Italy
- Cats, dogs, birds

- Milk, bread, cheese

Which of the following sentences correctly use semicolons? (Select all that apply)

- She loves painting; it is her passion.
- We visited London, England; Paris, France; and Rome, Italy.
- He is very talented; and he knows it.
- The meeting was canceled; therefore, we went home early.

Which of the following sentences correctly uses a semicolon?

- I have a big test tomorrow; I can't go out tonight.
- I have a big test tomorrow, I can't go out tonight.
- I have a big test tomorrow: I can't go out tonight.
- I have a big test tomorrow. I can't go out tonight.

Which of the following is a common error when using semicolons?

- Using them in a complex list
- Using them to join two independent clauses
- Using them with coordinating conjunctions
- Using them before conjunctive adverbs

What is the effect of using a semicolon between two independent clauses?

- It creates a question
- It emphasizes the relationship between the clauses
- It separates unrelated ideas
- It weakens the connection between the clauses

What is the primary function of a semicolon in a sentence?

- To end a sentence
- To separate items in a simple list
- To connect two related independent clauses
- To indicate a pause longer than a comma

When is it correct to use a semicolon in a sentence? (Select all that apply)

- Between two related independent clauses

- Before a list
- In a complex list with internal commas
- Between a subject and a verb

Which sentences demonstrate incorrect semicolon usage? (Select all that apply)

- She was late; because she missed the bus.
- I like apples; however, I prefer oranges.
- The team won the match; they celebrated all night.
- He bought a new car; and he drove it home.