

# Colons and Semicolons!

& one comma rule!



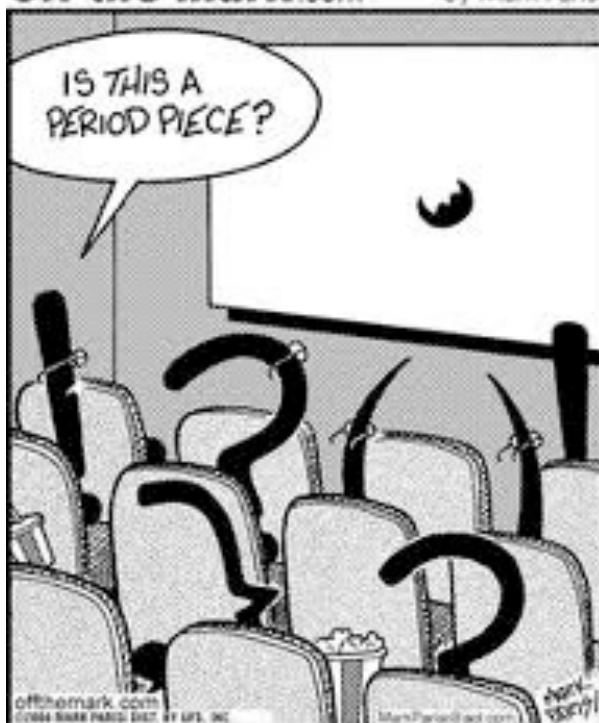
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"We saved your life.  
However, your colon is now a semicolon."



Due to his grammar mistake, Wilbur found a position. It just wasn't the one he wanted.

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"I can't believe I went out with an apostrophe  
- he was so possessive."

# Rule #1 Formula

- IC + : + List

# Colon Rule #1

- Use a colon to introduce a list of items, sentences, ideas, etc.
- I enjoy a variety of items: socks, books, and mice.
- Do not use a colon after the verb when listing, unless the sentence is independent already.
- I enjoy: socks, books and mice. DON'T DO THIS!!!!
- There are so many things I love to do: list.

# Practice: Colon Needed?

- My father told me to be patient, kind, and thoughtful when responding to ignorant statements.
- You will need to bring certain things to the party some food, something to drink, and a small gift for the hostess.
- Campers are expected to provide the following sheets, blankets, and towels.

# Rule #2 Formula

- $IC + : + E$

# Colon Rule #2

- Use a colon to direct readers to explanations, significant words, or phrases
- Welles's greatest problem may also have been his greatest achievement: the brilliance of his first film, *Citizen Kane*.
- There is only one thing I want to do with my life: marry a man with a good heart and compassionate soul.

# Colon Rule #3

- Use the colon to join independent clauses when the second clause explains the first
- The colon is a strong punctuation mark: it has the power of the period without the finality.
- I didn't want to go to Susie's party: all of her friends are so mean to me.
- I am not going to the doctor: he or she won't be able to help me.



# Rule #1 Formula

- IC + ; + IC

# Rule #1

- Use the semicolon to join ICs (complete sentences) closely related in thought / meaning.
- Munani walked into the classroom in a fury; she slammed the door and screamed, “Everyone needs to hear this!”
- I don’t want to go skiing; I want to go hiking.
- Billy sat and ate his meal; he was very happy.

# Practice: Semicolon Needed?

- Amazingly enough, the small bag held everything shirts, pants, sweaters, a jacket, and underwear.
- Be prepared to answer the following question what was your last job?
- Those hanging lamps are the most popular kind they are inexpensive, come in many colors, and are easy to install.

# Rule #2 Formula

- IC - Conj. + ;  
+ IC

# Rule #2

- Use a semicolon to replace the conjunction “and” – not in addition to (redundant)
- I like pizza; I like football.
- Shannon believes in the power of positive thinking; she will continue to live her life based on this philosophy.
- It is my pleasure to help you; I don't want you to feel guilty at all.

# Rule #3 Formula

- IC + ; + CA  
+ , + IC

# Rule #3

- Use a semicolon and comma when combining two complete sentences with a conjunctive adverb.
- Sukukali doesn't like butter; however, she does like popcorn.
- I didn't go to sleep last night; therefore, I am truly exhausted.
- Tralee doesn't want you to help her; rather, she wants you to do what she asked you to do.

# Conjunctive Adverbs

accordingly,	furthermore,	moreover,	similarly,
also,	hence,	namely,	still,
anyway,	however,	nevertheless,	then,
besides,	incidentally,	next,	thereafter,
certainly,	indeed,	nonetheless,	therefore,
consequently,	instead,	now,	thus,
finally,	likewise,	otherwise,	undoubtedly,
further,	meanwhile,		



# BAD!

- Bad = IC or DC or PC
- What to do:
  - I was up so late last night; which is why I am so tired.
  - I love you because of one particular fallacy to the Flynn; ad hominem fallacy.
  - We should eat organic tonight; depending on the weather.

# GOOD!

- Use semicolons and colons to eliminate comma splices
  - Susandi and Jeridodo are getting married in the fall, they didn't want a summer wedding.
  - "It is impossible to suffer without making someone pay for it" it is impossible to endure humiliation without destroying the person that is responsible.
  - My family and I fry breads nearly every night, we then get to eat them together.
  - I didn't like the sogers they were way too salty.

# Practice: Colon or Semicolon?

- I am so excited to see *Star Wars Episode VII* George Lucas is not directing it!
- When school is over, Melissa wants to eat a bag of Cape Cod chips however she must first find where her husband hid the delicious, salty treat.
- After work I am going to eat an entire pizza then I am going to eat another one.

# Practice Continued

- In the dark, cold theater, Billy refused to watch the movie *The Happening* the actors performed their lines like amateurs.
- The third novel in the *Divergent* series is garbage I am going to throw it away or use it as a doorstop.
- My husband and I love movies we basically speak using only movie quotes.

# Practice Continued

- I love so many movie quotes, but I can only think of one that I could say for the rest of my life  
“Human sacrifices, dogs and cats living together. Mass hysteria!”
- The little mouse scuttled across the floor toward the cat bowl she was too hungry to wait any longer.
- I lost the gold medal therefore I am going to work incredibly hard so I can be the best curler in the world!

# Activity

