

Semicolon or Comma Worksheet and Answer Key

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9. If he misses his appointment he'll have to wait another six months to see the dentist.	
10. There are many negative side effects to smoking there are no positive side effects from smoking.	
Give it a shot : Write five ORIGINAL sentences that correctly use a semicolon. 1.	
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Answer Key

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- 1. The artist preferred to paint in oils; he did not like water colors.
- 2. Even when the house looks clean , there is usually a bunch of dirt swept under the rug.
- 3. I'm going to leave early today, unless the boss comes back from the meeting.
- 4. The computer can perform many calculations at once; however, it cannot reason at all.
- 5. In the first place, it was snowing too hard to see the road; in the second place, we had no chains.
- 6. Italy is my favorite foreign country; in fact, I plan on staying there for three weeks this summer.
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(Answers may vary on original sentences.)



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