

# Semicolons

(practice quiz)

**Directions:** Use a semicolon in the appropriate place to combine the following independent clauses.

- 1) I want to wear the red shirt my favorite color is red.
- 2) Janie easily got an A on the test she studies very hard.
- 3) I hope I get a lot of presents today is my birthday.
- 4) The war is imminent the armies are ready.

Here is a list of common conjunctive adverbs:

in addition	thus	nevertheless	therefore	still	however	indeed	furthermore	then
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**Directions:** Use a semicolon and a conjunctive adverb to combine the following independent clauses.

- 1) I am really tired \_\_\_\_\_ I cannot get to sleep.
- 2) I am wearing a sweater and a jacket \_\_\_\_\_ I am cold.
- 3) Our mission seemed impossible \_\_\_\_\_ we tried our best to accomplish it.

**Directions:** Use a semicolon in the appropriate place to separate items in a list in the following sentences.

- 1) The store will be closed on the following days: Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) The company hired three new employees: Robert, who was 42 years old Juan, who was 28 years old and Dana, who was 24 years old.

**Answers:**

Section 1

- 1) I want to wear the red shirt; my favorite color is red.
- 2) Janie easily got an A on the test; she studies very hard.
- 3) I hope I get a lot of presents; today is my birthday.
- 4) The war is imminent; the armies are ready.

Section 2

- 1) I am really tired; *however* I cannot get to sleep.
- 2) I am wearing a sweater and a jacket; *still* I am cold.
- 3) Our mission seemed impossible; *nevertheless* we tried our best to accomplish it.

Section 3

- 1) The store will be closed on the following days: Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>; Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>; and Sunday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) The company hired three new employees: Robert, who was 42 years old; Juan, who was 28 years old; and Dana, who was 24 years old.