

## Semicolons A

**23a.** Use a semicolon between independent clauses that are closely related in meaning if they are not joined by *and*, *but*, *for*, *nor*, *or*, *so*, or *yet*.

**EXAMPLE** Garth Brooks' latest CD is selling rapidly; he has become a major star.

**23b.** Use a semicolon between independent clauses joined by a conjunctive adverb or transitional expression.

**EXAMPLES** I've called him repeatedly; **however**, I've not been able to reach him.  
Julio seems tired; **in fact**, he seems completely exhausted.

**EXERCISE** Add semicolons where they are needed in the following sentences.

**Example 1.** The picnic is scheduled for this Saturday; however, if it rains, it will be postponed.

1. This travel book has amazing photographs I love this full-page shot of Costa Rica.
2. The students wanted a poet to teach the seminar however, none was available.
3. The scholarship letter finally arrived the whole family was ecstatic.
4. Senator Juarez is leading in the polls as a result, I think she'll win the election.
5. Kinu won't be at the party she's going to the theater with her family.
6. The auditorium will be finished in the spring meanwhile, assemblies will be in the gym.
7. New York was among the thirteen original states Ohio did not become a state until 1803.
8. My uncle spent two years in Japan while there, he learned many Japanese folk songs.
9. Thirty students signed up for the trip some of them may drop at the last minute, though.
10. There are several reasons I can't go for example, I haven't done my homework.
11. Since we live two miles from the high school, I seldom walk instead, I ride my bicycle.
12. Many activities are offered at my school among them are gymnastics and photography.
13. Cats are unique among domestic animals they retain many of the qualities of wild animals.
14. I know how to use that art software in fact, I'm using it to do my class project.
15. Carol has planned our hike carefully as a result, we can learn a lot and have a good time.
16. The play is perfectly suited for our class furthermore, it has enough parts for everyone.
17. My mother transferred to the University of Michigan in 1974 she graduated from there in 1977.
18. Roger might enjoy the book on the other hand, Faye probably will not.
19. Paolo reeled in the fish as fast as he could Carol tried to catch it in the net.
20. Maria is the fastest sprinter in her class indeed, she is the fastest sprinter I know.