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Comma or Semicolon Worksheet

Avoiding Comma Splices



Semicolons can join two independent clauses.

Ex: We found footprints; they led behind the garage.
Independent Clause *Independent Clause*

Commas can join independent and dependent clauses.

Ex: Although we found footprints, they didn't lead anywhere.
Dependent Clause *Independent Clause*

Directions: Underline independent clauses. Double underline dependent clauses. Then choose whether to join the clauses with a comma or a semicolon.

1. We are on the hunt _____ we are looking for a criminal.
2. Even though it may be dangerous _____ we will not give up.
3. I have my loyal companion with me _____ he is a dog.
4. We found a clue _____ it is a note.
5. We have to catch the criminal _____ before he or she strikes again.
6. It will be too late _____ unless we get there on time.
7. Once we get there _____ we can catch the criminal.
8. I see the criminal _____ he is eating a sandwich.
9. When I give the signal _____ you spring the trap.
10. Now that we caught the criminal _____ the city is safe again.