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Semicolons and Independent Clauses Worksheet

A semicolon is a punctuation mark indicating a pause, typically between two main clauses. It is more pronounced and has a pause slightly longer than a comma.

A semicolon can be used instead of a coordinating conjunction to join two related independent clauses.

Directions: Connect the sentences below by adding a semi-colon.

Example: The hills are beautiful. I love taking walks on them.

Answer: The hills are beautiful; I love taking walks on them.

1. I felt sick. My friend walked me to the nurses office.

2. I'm having a party Sunday. My friends are bringing sodas and cookies.

3. The brothers disagreed. They are not speaking to each other.

4. The traffic was good. I decided to go home.

5. The cat looks cute. Susan bought the cat.

Answers:

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