

Coordination: Compound Sentences

Practices in Usage

1. Coordinating Conjunctions

List the seven coordinating conjunctions given the letters provided:

f _____
 a _____
 n _____
 b _____
 o _____
 y _____
 s _____

Indicate whether each sentence below is punctuated correctly by writing *C* in the blank provided or incorrectly by writing *I* in the blank provided.

- _____ 1. The cashier at 7-11 couldn't tell me how to get to the new movie theater but she did let me use her phone to call for directions.
- _____ 2. The cashier at 7-11 couldn't tell me how to get to the new movie theater, but she did let me use her phone to call for directions.
- _____ 3. With less than a minute left in the game, the quarterback sensed the blitz coming so, he rolled out after taking the snap, ran ahead, and made the first down before getting out of bounds.
- _____ 4. With less than a minute left in the game, the quarterback sensed the blitz coming so he rolled out after taking the snap, ran ahead, and made the first down before getting out of bounds.
- _____ 5. Fredo worked on his Firebird all day Sunday and made sure it was in top shape for his trip to New Mexico in June.
- _____ 6. Fredo worked on his Firebird all day Sunday and he made sure it was in top shape for his trip to New Mexico in June.
- _____ 7. Fredo worked on his Firebird all day Sunday, and he made sure it was in top shape for his trip to New Mexico in June.
- _____ 8. Danny thinks he's a great cook, but lasagna isn't supposed to be crispy.
- _____ 9. NASA didn't exist in the 1920s nor did DVD players.
- _____ 10. Marisol got lucky last week and bought the winning lottery ticket.

2. Semicolon

Indicate whether each sentence below is punctuated correctly by writing *C* in the blank provided or incorrectly by writing *I* in the blank provided.

- _____ 1. Jasmine is going to the dentist she; has a tooth that she chipped on a salad crouton.
- _____ 2. Jasmine is going to the dentist she has a tooth; that she chipped on a salad crouton.
- _____ 3. The official fired a starter's pistol the race was under way.
- _____ 4. The official fired a starter's pistol; the race was under way.
- _____ 5. Albert is from Haiti, he can speak French, Spanish, English, and even some Portuguese.
- _____ 6. Albert is from Haiti; he can speak French, Spanish, English, and even some Portuguese.
- _____ 7. Many people watch the weather report on the local news before going to sleep at night; only a few believe the forecast is not reliable.
- _____ 8. Cedric still hasn't learned how to drive he prefers; riding the bus.
- _____ 9. You won't get many instructors who are so lenient; most of your teachers will not grade on a curve.
- _____ 10. It started to rain; we ran quickly to our cars.

3. Conjunctive Adverbs (Common Transitional Expressions)

Indicate whether each sentence below is punctuated correctly by writing *C* in the blank provided or incorrectly by writing *I* in the blank provided.

- _____ 1. *Star Trek* originally aired in the 1960s, nonetheless, it is still very popular today.

- _____ 2. *Star Trek* originally aired in the 1960s; nonetheless, it is still very popular today.
- _____ 3. My Jack Russell terrier is a good hunter; Furthermore, he is exceptionally smart.
- _____ 4. My Jack Russell terrier is a good hunter. Furthermore, he is exceptionally smart.
- _____ 5. My Jack Russell terrier is a good hunter; furthermore, he is exceptionally smart.
- _____ 6. Aunt Miranda married at forty-three; therefore, her marriage was happy because she and Uncle Frank never had children.
- _____ 7. Timmy tried to lift Helen; However, she was too heavy for him.
- _____ 8. She has big plans for a puppet show for adults, however, she has to get the downtown theater interested in her idea.
- _____ 9. The smell of bacon and eggs in the morning is a great way to start the day; nevertheless, that kind of breakfast everyday is probably not very healthy.
- _____ 10. She parked her car in a red zone; consequently, she got a ticket.

Answers

1. Coordinating Conjunctions

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and
nor
but
or
yet
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| 1. I | 6. I |
| 2. C | 7. C |
| 3. I | 8. C |
| 4. I | 9. I |
| 5. C | 10. C |

2. Semicolon

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| 1. I | 6. C |
| 2. I | 7. C |
| 3. I | 8. I |
| 4. C | 9. C |
| 5. I | 10. C |

3. Conjunctive Adverbs (Common Transitional Expressions)

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| 1. I | 6. C |
| 2. C | 7. I |
| 3. I | 8. I |
| 4. C | 9. C |
| 5. C | 10. C |