**Semicolon**  
Exercises

Put the semicolon in each of these four sentences where you think it needs to be. (1 pt. each)

1. The chances for a ceasefire were very slim, the aggressors were too intent on demoralizing their enemies.
2. Teaching young children to read is easier if the children read at home with their parents, therefore parental involvement in a child’s early education can greatly affect the child’s later success in life.
3. Many private schools fare no better on standardized test scores than public schools, in fact, many of them perform significantly worse.
4. They repeated the same experiment in the following four places: Austin, Texas, Tallahassee, Florida, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Des Moines, Iowa.

Correct these sentences using the appropriate punctuation. Use commas and semicolons in the places you think things they belong. (2 pts. each)

1. Doctors do more than treat illness they help patients make changes in their health to avoid illness in the first place.
2. This study strongly suggests that the hypothesis of early duct closure may not be true therefore pregnant women need not worry about their baby having spina bifida.
3. Children are increasingly exposed to violence on TV as a result they become more tolerant of violence in real life.
4. The aboriginal tribes on the island were systematically destroyed by European colonizers however some historians are reluctant to call this atrocity “genocide.”
5. The U.S. government has three branches: the legislative which makes the law the executive which enforces the law and the judicial which interprets the law.
6. Compared to Europeans Americans are generally uninterested in learning foreign languages they are rather provincial in this respect.

Combine these two sentences in one sentence using a semicolon. (1 pt. each)

1. Some people like to cook the turkey in the conventional way-in an oven. Some, however, drop it in a vat filled with five gallons of oil heated to 400 degrees.
2. In my family, most of us like pepperoni pizza. My brother is the only one who prefers ham on his pizza.

Write your own sentence using a semicolon correctly. (2 pts.)