

Four Semicolon Constructions to learn

1. Sentence ; sentence. Use the semicolon to join closely related sentences.

This is English class ; we study grammar.

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This is English class, we study grammar. (comma splice=need something stronger than a comma, so use a semicolon)

2. Sentence ; hence, sentence.

however, sentence.

therefore, sentence.

thus, sentence.

as a result, sentence.

instead, sentence.

consequently, sentence.

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3. Sentence with city, state; city, state; and city, state.

Students study grammar and punctuation in Hartford, SD;

Hartford, CT; and Hartford, AZ.

4. Phrase/Clause, sentence; phrase/clause, sentence.

If 2 related sentences side by side have commas in them, use a

semicolon to separate them.

In English class, we study grammar rules; in math class, we study equations.