



Commas, Semicolons & Dashes



Commas

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Commas

- Rule 1
 - Use commas to separate 3 or more words, phrases, or clauses in a series.

Example

I like watching The Simpsons, Family Guy, and Futurama.



Commas

- Rule 2
 - Use a comma before *and*, *or*, or *but* when they join main clauses.

Example

Futurama and Family Guy were cancelled, but both were brought back.



Semicolons

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Semicolons

- Rule 1
 - Use a semicolon to join parts of a compound sentence.

Example

Futurama and Family Guy were cancelled, but both were brought back.

Example

Futurama and Family Guy were cancelled, both were brought back.

Example

Futurama and Family
Guy were cancelled;
both were brought
back.

Semicolons

- Rule 2
 - Use a semicolon to join parts of a compound sentence connected by a *conjunctive adverb*.



Semicolons

Conjunctive Adverbs

- Also
- However
- In addition
- Similarly
- Meanwhile
- Instead
- Then
- Therefore

Example

Futurama and Family Guy were cancelled;
however, both were brought back.



Semicolons

- Rule 3
 - Use a semicolon to separate words or phrases that already contain commas.

Example

My favorite shows are
Family Guy, season 4;
Futurama, season 3;
and The Simpsons.



Dashes

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Dashes

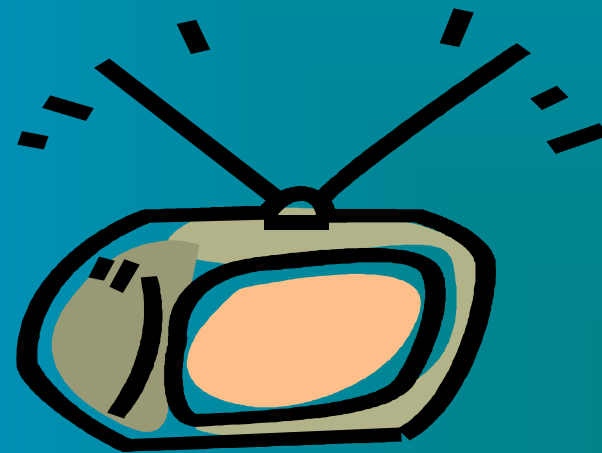
- Use a dash for....
 - Sudden breaks
 - Emphasis
 - Interrupting speech

Dashes

- Sudden breaks & interrupted speech
 - Two dashes when in the middle of a sentence; one when at the end.

Example

My favorite show-- I love
Family Guy-- is on
Sunday.



Dashes

- Set off for emphasis



Example

My favorite show is on
Sundays -- Family Guy.

