

Commas, Semicolons (;) & Dashes (-)

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Benchmark LA.8.4.3- Edit writing to correct punctuation:

- semicolon to separate items in a series that contain internal commas
- dash to interrupt thought or signal a sudden break

*****A comma separates parts of a sentence in a series.**

Rule 1:

Use commas to separate 3 or more words, phrases, or clauses in a _____.

Example: I like watching The Simpsons__ Family Guy__ and Futurama.

Rule 2: Use a comma before _____, *or*, or _____ when they join main clauses.

Example: Futurama and Family Guy were cancelled__ but both were brought back.

*****A semicolon is used to separate parts of a sentence.**

Rule 1:

Use a semicolon to join parts of a _____ when a conjunction, such as *and*, *but*, or *or*, is not used:

Example: Futurama and Family Guy were cancelled__
Both were brought back.

Rule 2:

Use a semicolon to join parts of a compound connected with a _____ (however, also, meanwhile, _____)

Example: Futurama and Family Guy were cancelled__
however, both were brought back.

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Rule 3:

Use a semicolon to separate words or phrases that already contain _____.

Example: My favorite shows are Family Guy__ season 4 __ Futurama, season 3__ and The Simpsons.

*****A dash is used to show _____, _____, or _____.** If the break is in the middle of a sentence, use _____ dashes; use one at the _____.

Rule 1:

-Sudden breaks and interrupt speech

Example: My favorite show__ I love Family Guy-- is on Sunday.

Rule 2:

-Set off for emphasis

Example: My favorite show is on Sunday__ Family Guy.

