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Parentheses ( ) are used to enclose additional, non-essential information to clarify, explain, or add a side note in a sentence. Use parentheses to prevent disrupting the flow of a sentence. Another use of parentheses is to enumerate a list.

_____1. She is coming to our house after work around six o' clock.
A B C

____2. I am going to visit my grandma my dad's mom today.
A B C

____3. Amelia Earhart 1897-1937 was a famous aviatrix in the 20th century.
A B C

____4. Hamlet's dilemma is, "To be, or not to be" Shakespeare 3.1.59.
A B C

_____5. They asked me several questions in the interview: 1 What are my future goals?
A B C
2 What are my greatest strengths? 3 Where do I see myself in ten years?
D E F G
There are THREE answers for question 5

____6. Buttercup's mother whirled on him. "Did you forget to pay your taxes?"
A B
This was after taxes. But everything is after taxes. Taxes were here even before stew.
C

____7. "And, as I seem to be making a clean breast of it, I must tell you, in strictest confidence
A B
that means, don't tell Miss Pittypat! That I did have the money, safe in a bank in Liverpool."
C D

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____8. They put it about that the animals on the Manor Farm (A) they insisted on calling it the Manor Farm (B)
;they would not tolerate the name "Animal Farm." (C)

____9. He was famous for shoplifting and his black-handled switchblade (A)
which he couldn't have acquired without his first talent (B) ,and he was always smarting off to the cops. (C)

____*10* ..." Lucy (A) who was the youngest (B) was a little afraid of him, (C) Edmund (D) who was the next youngest (E)
wanted to laugh and keep on pretending"... (F)

There are TWO answers for question 10

Semi-colons ;

Rule 1—Use a semi-colon to separate two related sentences.
Formula = Full sentence ; full sentence. Ex—I love going to the beach; it is the most peaceful place that I know.

Rule 2—Use a semi-colon with a dependent marker word, such as—however, moreover, therefore, consequently, furthermore. Formula= Full sentence ; marker word , full sentence.

1. All the stores in our neighborhood used to be closed on Sunday now they're open all day and sometimes even on Sunday evening.

2. The city has adjusted its traffic regulations to accommodate bicycles for example, most avenues now have clearly marked bike lanes.

3. The appointment calendar listed Ms. Lee, 10:15, Mr. Congdon, 11:00, and Mrs. Viator, 11:45.

4. Bernie was depressed about his fortieth birthday his spirits improved, however, when he opened his presents.

5. Drivers must always remain alert it's hard to predict, I think, what people will do when they get behind a wheel.

6. Her manners had been imposed on her by her mother's gentle admonitions and the sterner discipline of her mammy her eyes were her own. *Gone With the Wind*

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7. If you like to travel, you will probably enjoy Paul Theroux's books he is a master of description.

8. Every year more and more Americans move to the Sunbelt the climate there, it seems, is irresistible.

9. The space program has always generated controversy some people believe that the money could be better spent on earth.

8. Caracas, Venezuela, and Los Angeles, California, share a common traffic problem both cities, I know, have complex freeway systems and enormous amounts of traffic.

9. The quickest route between San Francisco and Los Angeles is the inland highway the most scenic route is the highway along the coast.

10. "It's just an ordinary wardrobe look! And they all saw-Lucy herself saw- a perfectly ordinary wardrobe." *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*

Colons :

1. is often used to introduce a list.
2. is used to introduce an explanation or reference to first part of a sentence.

1. My new mountain bike is so cool, it has 12 gears, front and rear suspension and its light.
2. The book I am reading is exciting I want to finish it.
3. That math exercise is difficult I do not understand algebra.
4. This year in high school, I play four sports soccer, football, rugby and baseball.
5. Jane is so desperate that she'll date anyone, even Tom he's uglier than a squashed toad on the highway, and that's on his good days.
6. I love reading all types of books mystery, horror, suspense, and biographies.
7. William was so hungry he ate everything in the house chips, cold pizza, pretzels and dip, hot dogs, peanut butter and candy.
8. There are four parts to a plant roots, stem, leaves and flower.
9. There is only one reason you failed you didn't prepare for the test.
10. You will need to finish three chores vacuum, mow the lawn, and make your bed.

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*Quotes taken from, *The Princess Bride, Gone With the Wind, The Outsiders and The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe.*

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