

THIS OR THAT

Directions. Circle the sentence that demonstrates use of the semicolon correctly. Determine which semicolon rule it is following and list A, B, C, or D.

A	Use a semicolon to join two clearly related independent clauses <u>in place of a comma and a coordinating conjunction</u> .
B	Use a semicolon to replace a comma when you use a coordinating conjunction to link independent clauses.
C	Use a semicolon between related sentences when the second sentence starts with either a conjunctive adverb or a transitional expression.
D	Use semicolons to replace commas when individual items in a series/list are long or contain commas.

1. **This:** The organization had chapters in; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Nebraska, Houston, Texas, and Los Angeles, California.

That: The organization had chapters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Lincoln, Nebraska; Houston, Texas; and Los Angeles, California.

Which rule is the correct sentence following?

2. **This:** I love reading; it allows me to escape into different worlds.

That: I love reading; because it allows me to escape into different worlds.

Which rule is the correct sentence following?

3. **This:** The concert was canceled due to bad weather, however; the organizers promised to reschedule.

That: The concert was canceled due to bad weather; however, the organizers promised to reschedule.

Which rule is the correct sentence following?

4. **This:** Summer is my favorite season; I love going to the beach and swimming in the ocean.

That: Summer is my favorite season; I love going to the beach; swimming in the ocean.

Which rule is the correct sentence following?

5. **This:** For lunch, I packed a variety of snacks: apples, which are my favorite fruit; sandwiches, with turkey and cheese; and a container of mixed nuts.

That: For lunch, I packed a variety of snacks: apples; which are my favorite fruit; sandwiches; with turkey and cheese; and a container of mixed nuts.

Which rule is the correct sentence following?

6. **This:** The recipe called for eggs; unfortunately, we were out of them.

That: The recipe called for eggs, unfortunately; we were out of them.

Which rule is the correct sentence following?

7. **This:** The storm was fierce, yet; many residents decided to stay.

That: The storm was fierce; yet, many residents decided to stay.

Which rule is the correct sentence following?

8. **This:** She excelled in math; and her grades reflected her dedication and hard work.

That: She excelled in math; her grades reflected her dedication and hard work.

Which rule is the correct sentence following?

9. **This:** After finishing my work, I went to the gym; I needed to unwind and clear my mind.

That: After finishing my work; I went to the gym; I needed to unwind and clear my mind.

Which rule is the correct sentence following?

10. **This:** For dinner, we ordered pizza with pepperoni, mushrooms, and olives; pasta with Alfredo sauce and chicken; and a fresh garden salad.

That: For dinner, we ordered pizza with pepperoni, mushrooms, and olives; pasta with Alfredo sauce and chicken, and a fresh garden salad.

Which rule is the correct sentence following?