



## Writing Workshop Mini Lesson: Semicolons

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Define independent Clause:

A semicolon joins two independent clauses of equal grammatical rank in the following situations:

1. As an alternative to using a conjunction (and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet)

*I enjoy hiking in the mountains and running from Grizzly bears is fun!*  
*I enjoy hiking in the mountains; running from Grizzly bears is fun!*

2. With Transitional Expressions (finally, also, accordingly, certainly, consequently, therefore, then, anyway, besides, conversely, however, likewise, nevertheless, otherwise)

*I see a lot of wildlife when hiking in the mountains; consequently I often run from grizzly bears.*

3. With Transitional Phrases (after all, as a matter of fact, for example, in other words, as a result, at any rate, for instance, in conclusion, on the contrary, in the first place in fact)

*I see a lot of wildlife when I hike; as a matter of fact, I often need to run from grizzly bears.*

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Write a short narrative about your favorite weekend activity below and on the back of this page; write in your writing journal if you prefer. Include an anecdote that gives an example and be sure to use semi-colons!