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## Semicolon or Comma?

**Directions:** determine whether the clauses need to be joined with commas or semicolons. Put the proper punctuation on the blank.

1. The artist preferred to paint in oils \_\_\_\_ he did not like watercolors.
2. Even when the house looks clean \_\_\_\_ there is usually a bunch of dirt swept under the rug.
3. I'm going to leave early today \_\_\_\_ unless the boss comes back from the meeting.
4. The computer can perform many calculations at once \_\_\_\_ however, it cannot reason like a human.
5. In the first place, it was snowing too hard to see the road \_\_\_\_ in the second place, we had no chains.
6. Italy is my favorite foreign country \_\_\_\_ in fact, I plan on staying there for three weeks this summer.
7. The challenges are not impossible \_\_\_\_ but they are very hard to clear.
8. I'm going to do all of my English homework every night \_\_\_\_ because that's how you get an "A".
9. If he misses his appointment \_\_\_\_ he'll have to wait another six months to see the dentist.
10. There are many negative side effects to smoking \_\_\_\_ there are no positive side effects from smoking.

**Give it a shot:** Write six ORIGINAL sentences that correctly use a semicolon.

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