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Commas and Semicolons

Darnell Rock Reporting
Grammar: Spiral Review

Compare how commas and semicolons are used.

Commas in a series

The town needs people to plant trees, rake leaves, and pick up trash.

Commas setting off introductory word or words

Well, nobody told him he couldn't write a letter to the editor.

Commas setting off *yes, no,* or direct address

Yes, I believe we should all help keep our town clean.

Semicolons to separate items in a series

The following people were scheduled to speak: three builders, who spoke about building code violations; Ms. Sanchez, the librarian, who spoke about library funding; Mr. Fisher, a gardener, who spoke about improving the community garden.

1-7. Read each sentence. Add commas or semicolons where they are needed.

1. Lana James and Maria were on time for the meeting.
2. The girl urged the city council to do the following: to support the students, who need a good education support the teachers, who need a new parking lot and support the community.
3. Yes we should all look out for the elderly in our community.
4. Oh I think Mona would make an excellent city councillor.
5. Mr. Boroshok Mr. Williams and half of the city had turned out for the meeting.
6. Well not everyone is cut out for public speaking.
7. No Nasser will not give up his job at the animal shelter.