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Semicolons Quiz

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What does a semicolon do?
 - a. combines related simple sentences or breaks up a list
 - b. joins with a transition to end a sentence
 - c. shows shared possession between two items in a sentence
 - d. partners with a conjunction to form a compound sentence
2. What does a semicolon look like?
 - a. a comma with a dot underneath it
 - b. quotation marks with a dot on top
 - c. a comma with a dot on top
 - d. an upside down exclamation mark
3. Which of the following is NOT one of the FANBOYS conjunctions?
 - a. nor
 - b. also
 - c. yet
 - d. for
4. Which of the following is NOT a transition that can be used with a semicolon?
 - a. consequently
 - b. therefore
 - c. and
 - d. however
5. True or false? You should always capitalize the first letter after a semicolon.
 - a. true
 - b. false
6. Which of the following is a proper use of a semicolon?
 - a. I went to the game; and they didn't play due to rain.
 - b. I went to the game; they didn't play due to rain.
 - c. I went to the game; They didn't play due to rain.
7. Which of the following is a proper use of a semicolon?
 - a. The clock was wrong; therefore we took too long.
 - b. The clock was wrong; Therefore we took too long.
 - c. The clock was wrong; So therefore we took too long.
8. Which of the following is a proper use of a semicolon?
 - a. Her homework is late; She left it by her plate.
 - b. Her homework is late; she left it by her plate.
 - c. Her homework is late; Because she left it by her plate.
9. Which of the following is a proper use of a semicolon?
 - a. My brother is weird; he sings in the shower.
 - b. I love listening to music; Rock and roll is my favorite kind.
 - c. She borrowed her sister's jacket; and she left hers at school.
10. Which of the following words works best with a semicolon?
 - a. but
 - b. and
 - c. consequently
 - d. or