**Section 5 – Semicolons and Colons**

Add punctuation marks where you need them or correct ones that are incorrect. Mark OK if a sentence is correct as written. Be sure you know which rule you are using.

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3. Members of the soccer team have to drive to meets; basketball players ride a team bus.

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2. The stadium held its breath, but everyone knew: The team’s best tackle had injured his knee again.
3. Those chosen for the Homecoming court are Jessica Huston, senior, HR 312; Callie Webster, senior, HR 413; Angelica Gomez, senior, HR 227; Naz Ahmed, senior, HR 129, and Ra-Letta Brown, senior, HR 318.
4. Students will now be able to wear headphones in study halls; but supervisors can demand students lower the volume if it gets out of hand.
5. The results were clear: Angelica Gomez had more than half the votes and was crowned Homecoming queen.
6. Once the auditorium is finished, all-school assemblies will be held there; and orchestra concerts, too.
7. Other groups that hope to use the space are listed on the door to the new facility: the choir for its concert, Key Club for its initiation, even a group hosting a spelling bee.

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1. The Student Council has promised a recount of the election results; the candidates were aware there had been voter fraud. (two complete sentences, even if they are closely related, can’t be connected with only a comma. Make two sentences, add a coordinating conjunction -- and, or, but -- or add a semicolon)
2. The cafeteria manager announced a new addition to the menu: ice cream. (For only a single word or phrase after a colon, use lower case)
3. Members of the soccer team have to drive to meets; basketball players ride a team bus. (OK -- two complete and related sentences)
4. The French Club wanted to hold a bake sale every Friday noon; however, the Key Club had already received permission to sell candy bars then. (“However” isn’t a coordinating conjunction like “and, but, or.” To avoid a comma splice/run-on, use a semicolon)
5. The stadium held its breath, but everyone knew: The team’s best tackle had injured his knee again. (OK -- a complete a-HA sentence after the colon so “The” must start with a capital letter.)
6. Those chosen for the Homecoming court are Jessica Huston, senior, HR 312; Callie Webster, senior, HR 413; Angelica Gomez, senior, HR 227; Naz Ahmed, senior, HR 129; and Ra-Letta Brown, senior, HR 318. (only one mistake in this use of semicolons to organize a list -- even though you wouldn’t normally put a semicolon before “and,” for consistency, it’s correct in this structure)
7. Students will now be able to wear headphones in study halls, but supervisors can demand students lower the volume if it gets out of hand. (No need for a semicolon if you have a coordinating conjunction -- just use a comma)
8. The results were clear: Angelica Gomez had more than half the votes and was crowned Homecoming queen. (OK -- a good use of a colon for an a-HA statement)
9. Once the auditorium is finished, all-school assemblies will be held there and orchestra concerts, too. (no punctuation between “there” and “and” because the last part of the sentence is only more of the predicate)
10. Other groups that hope to use the space are listed on the door to the new facility: the choir for its concert, Key Club for its initiation, even a group hosting a spelling bee. (OK, the series doesn’t need to start with a capital letter.)