

Comma or Semicolon????????????

Comma- Use a comma when you join two independent clauses with a coordinating conjunction: for, and, nor, yet, but, so.

It is raining outside, so I am going to put on my purple rain jacket.

Semicolon- If you do not use words to connect the independent clauses, then place a semicolon between the two clauses.

It is raining outside; I am going put on my purple rain jacket.

Semicolon-When you combine two independent clauses using a conjunctive adverb, place a semicolon after the first independent clause.

(conjunctive adverbs: however, subsequently, consequently, moreover, therefore, otherwise)

It is raining outside; however, I am not going to put on my purple rain jacket.

Directions: Punctuate the following sentences correctly.

1. I am very tired but I am not going to stop running.
2. Kelly seemed upset so I decided not to bother her.
3. I am confused about this math problem I am going to ask the teacher for help.
4. The baby is only one year old however, she knows quite a few words.
5. Eric is the smartest guy in the class and he is also the nicest guy in the class.
6. We will go to the park if it does not rain otherwise we will stay home and watch movies.
7. I recently broke my ankle therefore I will not be running in the marathon.
8. The car is making a strange noise I need to go get it checked out.
9. I am extremely tired yet I am finding it difficult to fall asleep.
10. I did not study for my math test consequently I failed the class.