

*Grammar Rx Lesson: Misuse of Comma, Semicolon, and Colon.*

Comma-

1. Use a comma after each item in a sequence of three or more.
2. Use a comma when you join sentences with one of the many coordinating conjunctions (and, or, nor, but, so, yet, for).
3. Use commas to set off elements that interrupt or add information in a sentence.

Semicolon-

1. Use a semicolon when you join sentences without a coordinating conjunction.

Colon-

1. Use a colon to begin a list or a long or formal quotation after an independent clause. Otherwise make the quotation part of the grammar of your independent clause.

**Examples:**

- 1. At the grocery store I have to buy milk eggs and bread.**
- 2. I am not feeling well and my head hurts.**
- 3. The principal Mr. Tansey was once a teacher.**
- 4. My car needs to go to the shop my breaks need new pads.**
- 5. Our daily curriculum includes reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.**

**Corrections:**

- 1. At the grocery store I have to buy milk, eggs, and bread.**
- 2. I am not feeling well, and my head hurts.**
- 3. The principal, Mr. Tansey, was once a teacher.**
- 4. My car needs to go to the shop; my breaks need new pads.**
- 5. Our daily curriculum includes: reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.**