

Adding Commas and Semicolons

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Directions: The following sentences are compound complex (except for one hidden complex sentence). You need to add commas and semicolons where needed. Hint: begin by identifying dependent and independent clauses and/or the formula the sentence follows.

1. The wind blew strongly while the rain tossed our boat the storm would last a long time.
2. While the rain tossed our boat the wind blew strongly the storm would last a long time.
3. Thousands of lives will be saved and there will be peace on earth if we can find a way to stop the zombies.
4. Bob wants to buy a spaceship when he turns sixteen but he doesn't have enough money.
5. Until we housebreak the puppy he will have to sleep in a crate so he doesn't go to the bathroom on the carpet.
6. The carpet was expensive I wish the puppy hadn't gone to the bathroom on it because now I will have to buy a new one.
7. I didn't want to get the dog in trouble so I lied to my mother when she asked about the carpet.
8. Before the year ends the girls want to have a party so they can say goodbye to all of their friends.
9. Before the end of the year the girls want to have a party so they can say goodbye to all of their friends
10. Bob wanted a fluffy bunny for his birthday but when he went to the pet store all they had left was a man-eating bunny.