**Punctuation in Compound Sentences**

**Commas and Semicolons Name:**

**Directions:** Put a comma in the proper place in each sentence that has two independent clauses. Do not add a comma to sentences that have only one independent clause. (Hint: 4 sentences do not need ANY commas.)

1. Bob and his friends decided to go to the park and have picnic.
2. Bob was supposed to pack a lunch for everyone but he forgot to make the sandwiches.
3. Instead Bob put brussel sprouts in his backpack and brought them for lunch.
4. His friends were angry with him for nobody likes brussel sprouts.
5. It was a very hot day so everyone wanted to go swimming in the pond.
6. Unfortunately, the pond was filled with leeches and man-eating crocodiles!
7. Bob decided to go swimming anyway and put on his bathing suit.
8. Everyone scolded Bob and Helga told him he was being foolish.
9. Luckily Bob did not get eaten by crocodiles and his friends all cheered.
10. Everyone but the crocodiles had a great day and they can’t wait to do it again!

**Directions:** Put a semicolon between the independent clauses in each of the following sentences.

1. Bob’s favorite sport is basketball his sister’s favorite sport is hockey.
2. The weather was terrible we had to cancel our picnic.
3. The boy loves to eat sweets he ate an entire cake once.
4. Bob is a terrible cook he burns everything.
5. The cookies were burnt they smelled disgusting.