



## Using Semicolons and Conjunctive Adverbs

### Today's Standard

9-10.L.2a - Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.

Cues	Notes
What is an independent clause?	An independent clause is a group of words that can stand alone as a sentence.
When do you use a semicolon?	Use a semicolon to link two closely related independent clauses.
What is a conjunctive adverb?	Conjunctive adverbs (e.g., however, therefore) can be used with semicolons to link clauses.
How do semicolons differ from commas?	Semicolons link independent clauses; commas separate items in a list or clauses in complex sentences.
Examples of semicolon usage	Example: I have a big test tomorrow; therefore, I can't go out tonight.

### Summary

This standard focuses on using semicolons and conjunctive adverbs to link independent clauses, enhancing sentence complexity and coherence.