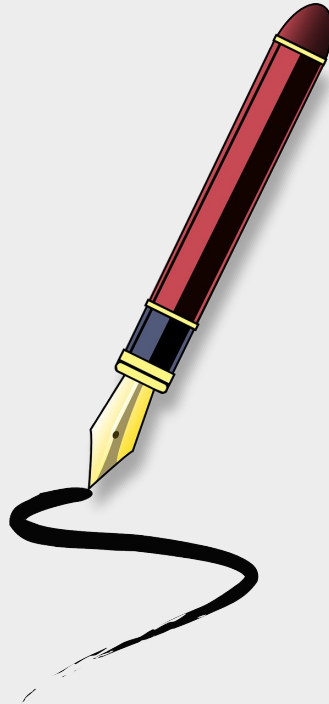


3 RULES FOR USING SEMICOLONS



Join Related Independent Clauses

- Example: To succeed in a career, you need long-term focus; you also need daily focus.
- Notice that it skips the coordinating conjunction
- An alternative way to writing this was: To succeed in a career, you need long-term focus, but you also need daily focus.



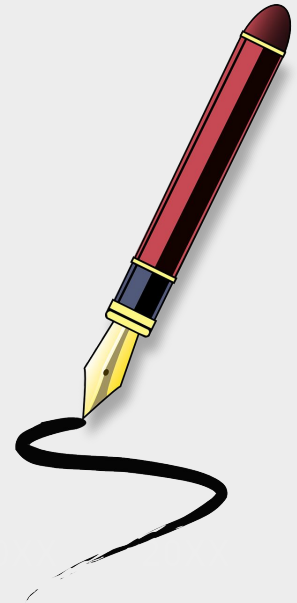
Use With Conjunctive Adverbs

- List of conjunctive adverbs
- Accordingly, also, besides, consequently, indeed, however, finally, instead, likewise, meanwhile, moreover, nevertheless, next, otherwise, still, therefore



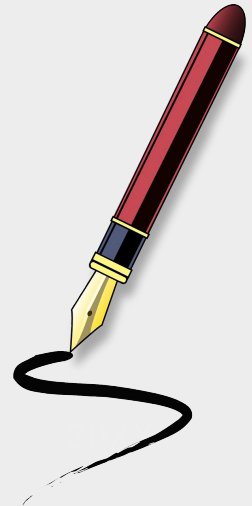
Use With Transitional Phrases

- On the other hand, even so, in addition, as a result, as well as, which raises another interesting point



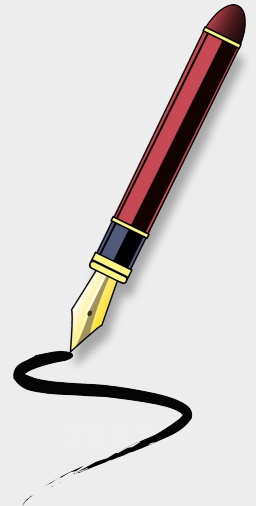
Examples

- This software isn't useful enough; moreover, it is very slow and clunky.
- This employee isn't very experienced; on the other hand, they work very hard.



Use Semicolons In A Serial List

- You can use semicolons to divide items of a list if the list is long or has internal punctuation
- Example: These are the cities: London, England; London, USA; Paris, France; Rome, Italy.



Another Example

- Professional skills include writing, presenting, and being organized; habits to avoid are being disorganized, late, and not paying attention to detail.

