

## EXERCISE 34-1 The Semicolon and the Comma

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Add commas or semicolons where needed in the following well-known quotations. If a sentence is correct, write "correct" after it. Example:

If an animal does something, we call it instinct; if we do the same thing, we call it intelligence. —Will Cuppy

a. Do not ask me to be kind just ask me to act as though I were. —Jules Renard

b. When men talk about defense they always claim to be protecting women and children but they never ask the women and children what they think. —Pat Schroeder

c. When I get a little money I buy books if any is left I buy food and clothes. —Desiderius Erasmus

d. America is a country that doesn't know where it is going but is determined to set a speed record getting there —Lawrence J. Peter

e. Wit has truth in it wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words. —Dorothy Parker

1. Everyone is a genius at least once a year a real genius has his [or her] original ideas closer together. —G. C. Lichtenberg

2. When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before. —Mae West

3. Once the children were in the house the air became more vivid and more heated every object in the house grew more alive. —Mary Gordon

4. We don't know what we want but we are ready to bite someone to get it. —Will Rogers

5. I've been rich and I've been poor rich is better. —Sophie Tucker