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Use commas or semicolons in the following compound sentences where necessary:

1. The president has pledged to cut taxes repeatedly and the public has responded enthusiastically.
2. The office was closed consequently, I could not pay my bill.
3. The air was beautifully clear it was a lovely day.
4. I had to complete the assignment by Friday otherwise, I would have failed the course.
5. Ralph decided to be a chemist but he changed his mind after taking Chem. 121.
6. I finished reading The Nation and then I went to bed.
7. We always go to the mountains in the fall they are at their prettiest at that time of year.
8. Tim went to the candy store quite often the clerk even knew his name.
9. The obstacles are not insurmountable but they are real and formidable.
10. Riding a bicycle is excellent exercise I ride mine every day.

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## **EXERCISE 66**

Replace commas by colons where appropriate.

1. I think I have remembered everything, string, nails, plywood, hammer and pliers.
2. Do pack all the toilet gear you require, shaving brush, razor, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo and deodorant.
3. All my tools were stolen from the boot, jack, foot pump, spanners, levers and tyre gauge.
4. All the paraphernalia of home-dressmaking lay spread around her, scissors, thread, pins, french chalk, pattern pieces, seam binding and buttons.
5. As I struggled for breath in the water, the main events of my life seemed to pass before my eyes, my miserable childhood, my grammar-school days, those halcyon years at University, marriage, children and now this!
6. I must insist you follow these instructions to the letter, go straight there, speak to no one on the way, leave the moment the meeting is over and return here as quickly as you can.
7. You can use this pesticide with all the brassicas, broccoli, sprouts, cabbage and spring greens.
8. Every single item of cutlery was stolen, knives, forks, dessert spoons, dessert forks, serving spoons, serving forks and all the teaspoons.

9. Judith enjoys all school subjects, Latin, French, English, maths, physics, chemistry, biology, geography, history and divinity.
10. We visited some literary shrines, the Brontë vicarage at Haworth, the churchyard at Stoke Poges, Jane Austen's cottage at Chawton, Gilbert White's rectory at Selbourne and, of course, Stratford.

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