

EXERCISE 34-3 The semicolon Before working this exercise, read section 34 in *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

Each of the following sentences has two semicolons but should have only one. Delete the incorrect one and replace it with other punctuation if necessary. Example:

No one else had ever seen anything special in Cheryl[^], who had never shown any ambition; her teachers had labeled her a “slow learner” long before she got to high school.

1. Cheryl had to beg her teachers to allow her to take college preparatory courses; they were sure she would fail; no matter how hard she tried.
2. Coach Thompson did many things for Cheryl; including coaching track, prodding her about school-work, encouraging good eating habits, and insisting that she think about college; most important of all, he gave her faith in herself.
3. All of the runners knew that if they made qualifying times; Coach Thompson would see to it that they were entered in the national meets; however, they also knew that if they did not qualify, they were off the team.
4. Cheryl soon discovered that she had to schedule her time; or she would fail at school or at track or at both; thinking about Coach Thompson, she began to care.
5. By the time Cheryl graduated from high school, she was an A student; this “slow learner” received an academic scholarship to New York University; although she had thought only an athletic one was possible.