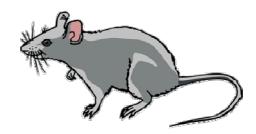
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Introductory Phrases

If the introductory phrase at the beginning of a sentence cannot act as a full sentence (for example, "after the bell ran"), it must be followed by a comma.



If the introductory phrase can act as a full sentence (for example, "I wanted to go home"), it must be followed with a semicolon, a period, or a comma used with a conjunction (and, but, for, so, or, etc.)

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence below. If the introductory clause is a full sentence, write **sentence** on the line. If it is not, write **phrase** on the line. Add appropriate punctuation.

 1. I decided to quit for I hated gymnastics.
 2. I decided to quit I hated gymnastics.
 3. Because I hated gymnastics I decided to quit.
 4. After the rain stopped we went outside.
 5. The rain stopped so we went outside.
 6. The rain stopped we went outside.
 7. Under Marcia's desk Ken saw a mouse.
 8. Ken saw a mouse in the classroom but he didn't tell anyone.
 9. Having seen a mouse in the classroom Ken didn't tell anyone.
 10. Ken saw a mouse in the classroom he didn't tell anyone.
 11. After dinner we went for a ride.
 12. We finished dinner and we went for a ride.
 13. Having finished dinner we went for a ride.