Punctuation Pokemon

Pokemon Name: Comma-mander

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Abilities:

1.To separate items in a series: (with the use of a conjunction\*)

a. **Sara, Amanda, and Dorian** all work at the Writing Center.

2. To set off introductory material:

a. **Noisily,** the squirrel ran across the roof of the house.

3. On both sides of interrupters: (An interrupter is a phrase that adds information to the sentence but isn’t necessary.)

a. I think**, my dear, that** we took a wrong turn at Albuquerque.

4. Between two complete thoughts joined by a conjunction:

a. She said I could either redo the paper or fail the class**, but** I decided to write a letter to the dean instead.

5. With direct quotations:

a. “If you don’t have anything nice to say**,**” Sara said**,** “don’t say anything at all.”

**NOTE**: Punctuation *always* goes inside the quotation marks.

6. With everyday material like dates, addresses, numbers, etc:

a. Dates: The surprise birthday party will be on **June 21, 2006**.

b. Addresses: My sister lives at **22 Gee Love Lane, Anywhere, South Carolina 29579**.

c. In letters: Dear Sara**,** Sincerely**,**

d. Numbers: She has a total of **$88,000** in her bank accounts.

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Pokemon Name: Semicolon-chu Abilities: **(1) Use the semicolon to connect two independent clauses not linked by a coordinating conjunction.**

**Two independent clauses are connectedby a transitional word.  
I need to write better; however, grammar bores me.**

**Two independent clauses are connected by a transitional phrase.  
Your essay has some merit; at least, it is clear and concise.**

**Two complete ideas are balanced in a "not only ..but also" sentence.  
This class is not only useful; it is also interesting.\***

**Two related independent clauses are juxtaposed without a coordinating conjunction.  
Some people prefer to pay cash; others prefer credit cards**

**(2)Use the semicolon to separate coordinate elements that are internally punctuated by a comma.**

***The officers elected at the meeting were Ray Shapiro, president; Mary Shafer, vice president; June Atkins, treasurer; and Al Sharp, secretary.***

Pokemon Name: Apostrophe-irtle Abilities: The apostrophe has three uses:

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1.To form possessives of nouns

2.To show the omission of letters

3. To indicate certain plurals of lowercase letters