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I can add semicolons to given sentences.

I can write sentences for semicolons separating clauses.

I can write sentences that show semicolons in lists and to separate clauses.



Semicolons to separate clauses

Used to join two main clauses of equal importance and closely related. These clauses can stand alone as separate sentences or they can be connected by a comma and a conjunction.

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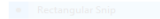
It was freezing; he was grateful for his coat.

Tim would like to go to Spain next summer; he would also like to go to France.

Semicolons in lists

The Quick Answer

It is usual to use commas to separate the items in a list. However, when the list items themselves contain commas, you can "outrank" those commas by using semicolons as the separators for your list items.

 Rectangular Snip

Look at this list:

- John
- Simon
- Toby

This list would be written like this: John, Simon, and Toby.

Now look at this list:

- John, the baker
- Simon, the policeman
- Toby, the architect

This list would be written like this: John, the baker; Simon, the policeman; and Toby, the architect.

Note: Semicolons can be used to separate list items if one (or more) of the list items contains a comma.

You should choose a ham, chicken, or cheese sandwich; a packet of crisps, a chocolate biscuit or a bun; and a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate.



Add semicolons to given sentences.

Write sentences for semicolons separating clauses.

Write sentences that show semicolons in lists and to separate clauses.

- 1) Last year we travelled to Dorchester Dorset Edinburgh Scotland and Whitby North Yorkshire.
- 2) I bought shiny ripe apples small sweet juicy grapes and firm pears.
- 3) This year, I'm hoping to visit the following places Paris France Madrid Spain and London England.
- 4) Frank would like to go to Cornwall next summer he might also visit France in the spring.
- 5) Come and see me tomorrow I will not have time to see you today.
- 6) There are Roman ruins near our village they are being excavated next week.