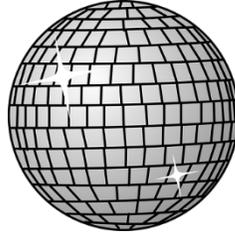


Grammar revision

Semi-colons

Using Semi-colons



Semi-colons are used in formal writing.

Semi-colons can be used to link two independent clauses that are *closely related*.

I could not agree more. You were absolutely brilliant.

I could not agree more; you were absolutely brilliant.



The **semi-colon** emphasises the *close link*.

It links main clauses like a co-ordinating conjunction. The two clauses have *equal weight*.

You pulled off great footwork; it was spot on.

The jive isn't easy; the steps have to be clean.



To link two clauses: replace the full stop with a semi-colon and then use a lower case letter to start the second main clause.

Using Semi-colons

Your task

I love ice-cream.

She often ended up studying in the library.

Chocolate is my favourite flavour.

Mondays were the quietest days.

Use a semi-colon to link these sentences in pairs. Then think of your own sentences.

