



Semi-colons

These punctuation marks just keep coming. But wait... this is the last one... hooray!

1. Tick or cross to show whether you can replace the underlined **conjunction** with a semi-colon.

They packed their superhero costumes and went out.

He's coming tonight so you should wear something nice.

I really want to go but I can't make it.

Jane was excited when she realised she'd won.

Only use semi-colons to join together two complete sentences.



2. Put semi-colons in the correct boxes so that these sentences make sense.

My best friend likes making cards I like putting hats on horses.

I disappeared early I don't think anybody noticed me leave.

The window was smashed open there was glass everywhere.

My mum likes to sing in the morning my dad doesn't like it.

The fireman went through the wreckage his partner went with him.

3. Write in the semi-colons where they are needed.

They're out to get you they're on their way now.

It was very successful everybody really liked it.

I love cats my brother likes dogs.

We put the old, smelly suitcase the table, which had cost thousands, if not tens of thousands and the wooden donkey on the bonfire.

If you use semi-colons to separate the items in a list, you do need to have one before the 'and'.



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4. **Semi-colons** are needed in these lists. Add **semi-colons** in the appropriate places.

They saw a juggler, who was their favourite a clown, who threw custard pies and a tiger who jumped through tyres.

You need to bring spare clothes, in case you get wet a towel, to dry yourself off and some old trainers.

She always made sure that she had her pencil her rubber, because she always changed her mind her scissors and her sharpener.

We wanted to go to the zoo, to see the lions the museum to look at fossils and the bowling alley, so we couldn't decide.

5. Tick or cross to show whether all the semi-colons have been used correctly.

He bought a box of chocolates; and a hand-made card.

I want to make sure she is okay; I think I still have her mobile number.

They teach you about baking; I've always wanted to learn more about it.

6. Write two of your own sentences which use a semi-colon.
Include the phrases 'My friend likes' and 'I like' in each one.

1.

2.

Ssemi-colons are about as slippery as a snake, or a Punctuation Python. How snake-like were you?

