

# Semi-colons

Semi-colons are used to separate two main clauses that are clearly related to each other but could stand on their own as sentences. They can be used to replace a conjunction, e.g.

I have a rugby match next week **and** I really hope we win.

I have a rugby match next week; I really hope we win.

1. Circle the conjunction in each sentence below.

1. I am starving so I can't wait until dinner.
2. Sam was desperately tired and he wanted to go home to bed.
3. It was pouring outside so I needed to bring my umbrella to school today.
4. Fiona went to meet her friend at the airport because she hadn't seen her for ages.
5. My team are at the top of the league so I expect we will win our match today.

2. Choose two of the sentences above and rewrite them by replacing the conjunction with a semi-colon.

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3. Draw lines to match the two related clauses that have been separated by a semi-colon.

It was getting very late;

The snow started to fall;

Larkin did not like getting up early;

Yan loved dark chocolate;

Claude went to a trampoline party;

he was more of a night-owl.

he ate it every day.

Timothy decided to go to bed.

his friend had invited him and two friends.

the sky was as white as a sheet.