

Lesson 3 Semi colons for clauses

Red

1. Identify 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. Accept responses, e.g.

Sam was desperately tired; he wanted to go home to bed.

My team are at the top of the league; I expect we will win our match today.

3. Match the two related clauses that have been separated by a semi-colon.

It was getting very late; he was more of a night-owl.

The snow started to fall; he ate it every day.

Larkin did not like getting up early; Timothy decided to go to bed.

Yan loved dark chocolate; his friend had invited him and two friends.

Claude went to a trampoline party; the sky was as white as a sheet.

Yellow

Rewrite these sentences by replacing the conjunctions with a semi-colon.

1. I am starving so I can't wait until dinner.

I am starving; I can't wait until dinner.

2. Sam was desperately tired and he wanted to go home to bed.

Sam was desperately tired; he wanted to go home to bed.

3. It was pouring outside so I needed to bring my umbrella to school today.

It was pouring outside; 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.

Fiona went to meet her friend at the airport; 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.

My team are at the top of the league; I expect we will win our match today.

Write a second related clause after the semi-colon in the sentences below:

Accept responses where a related clause has been added after the semi-colon.

6. It was getting very late;

7. Holly looked outside and saw that it was snowing;

8. Larkin did not like getting up in the mornings;

9. Yan loved dark chocolate;

10. The birds were singing sweetly;

Green

Write a second related clause after the semi-colon in the sentences below:

Accept responses where a related clause has been added after the semi-colon.

1. It was getting dark;
2. Henry was extremely excited;
3. Laura was going to the shops with her mum;

Write a clause to go before the semi-colon.

Accept responses where a related clause has been added before the semi-colon.

4. ; the teacher kept them in at lunchtime.
5. ; the food and service were supposed to be excellent.
6. ; he drank two large glasses of water.

Write three of your own sentences to show that you understand how to use semi-colons.

Accept responses where two related clauses are separated by a semi-colon.

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