

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

WALT: use semi-colons in a list

Steps to Success

The semi-colon can be used instead of a full stop or conjunction.

It is used to separate two complete sentences or main clauses.

The two sentences must be on the same theme.

There needs to be a complete sentence both before and after the semi-colon.

Don't use a capital letter for the second sentence.

Commas cannot be used between two sentences.

Semi-colons can also be used when separating items in a list when the items are longer phrases.

You must put a semi-colon before the last and in the list (unlike when you use commas in a list).

Today, we will be focusing on using semi-colons in a list with a quick recap of using them to separate clauses/sentences.

Add your own clause/sentence below.  
Remember that it must be on the same topic.

The maths test was challenging; \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ;Greg likes strawberry ice-cream.

Nancy bought the latest game; \_\_\_\_\_

We visited the zoo last weekend; \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ;we had a great time.

Add in commas to the list below:

At the circus we saw a clown a lion a fire eater and an acrobat.

Have a go at adding in semi-colons to the list below:

At the circus we saw a clown juggling with swords and daggers a lion who stood on a ball a fire eater with flashing eyes and an eight year old acrobat.

What are the two differences in the lists provided after you punctuate it?

## Answers:

Add in commas to the list below:

At the circus we saw a clown, a lion, a fire eater and an acrobat.

Have a go at adding in semi-colons to the list below:

At the circus we saw a clown juggling with swords and daggers; a lion who stood on a ball; a fire eater with flashing eyes; and an eight year old acrobat.

- 1) The second list contains detail about the things listed.
- 2) There is a semi-colon before introducing the last item in the list whereas there isn't when using commas in a list.

At the circus we saw a clown juggling with swords and daggers; a lion who stood on a ball; a fire eater with flashing eyes; and an eight year old acrobat.

The listed subjects/objects.

Extra information about the subjects/objects

Semi-colon. There must be one even at the end of the list to introduce the last item.

Insert commas into the list below:

You need to bring spare clothes a towel and some old trainers.

Insert semi-colons into the list below:

You need to bring some extra warm clothes a towel to dry yourself off and some old trainers.

## Answers:

Insert commas into the list below:

You need to bring spare clothes, a towel and some old trainers.

Insert semi-colons into the list below:

You need to bring some extra-warm clothes; a towel to dry yourself off; and some old trainers.

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Activity:

Please find your activities attached on the blog!

Remember to check the name of the worksheet you open as each group has a different one.