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# Semicolons



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# What is a Semicolon?

- ★ Semicolons offer one way to connect two closely related thoughts.
- ★ Semicolons connect two similar thoughts that would not be complete on their own.

This is a semicolon> ;

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# Why use a Semicolon?

- ★ Semicolons are style marks that are stronger than a comma.
  - ★ Can make your writing sound more sophisticated.
  - ★ Indicate that your thought or statement is not over yet.
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# How to use a Semicolon?

- **Between independent clauses when a coordinating conjunction is omitted (two clauses that could stand alone as separate sentences)**
    - The upperclassmen are permitted off-campus lunch, but the underclassmen must remain on campus.
    - The upperclassmen are permitted off-campus lunch; the underclassmen must remain on campus.
  - **Between independent clauses linked by a transitional expression**
    - Heavy snow continues to fall at the airport; consequently, all flights have been grounded.
  - **In lists with internal commas**
    - The new store will have groceries on the lower level; luggage, housewares, and electronics on the ground floor; men's and women's clothing on the second floor; and books, music, and stationery on the third floor.
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# Where does the semicolon go?

1. I had a huge meal however, I am already hungry again.
2. Mom wants the chores completed moreover she wants them done properly.
3. She didn't see the other car coming now her car has a huge dent.
4. I will be there as soon as I finish working that is a promise I will definitely keep.
5. You need new brakes otherwise you may not be able to stop in time.

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# Where does the semicolon go?

1. Dad is going bald his hair is getting thinner and thinner.
2. We had students from Lima, Peru Santiago, Chile and Caracas, Venezuela.
3. She calls it the bathroom I call it the loo.
4. I have finished the main course now I have to make dessert.
5. I know you don't like broccoli nevertheless it is very good for you.

(YourDictionary)

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