

## Semi Colons

A semi colon (;) is used to separate two main clauses. The two clauses have to be closely linked – they can't be about completely random subjects! Another way of looking at it is that the semi-colon replaces the 'and' or the 'but' in a compound sentence. Think of it as a sort of glue, keeping the two main clauses loosely stuck together.

Here is an example of how to use a semi colon to separate two main clauses:

***It was hot yesterday; I went to the park and played football.***

In the space below, try to come up with two examples of your own.

## Using a colon for emphasis

A colon (:) can be used to place **emphasis** on part of a sentence. This just means that it makes the second part of the sentence stand out more. Think of it like this: the colon pushes the first part of the sentence over to the wall, so the second part of the sentence can stand in the centre of the stage under the spotlight. Here are two examples:

There was only one option: ***to run for it.***

It had all become clear: ***she had to leave him.***

In the space below, write down two examples of your own of a colon being used for emphasis.

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