

WALT: Understand how to use semi colons

Work through the problems below.

The answers are on the next page!

5a. Which two independent clauses can be joined together with a semi-colon? A. Gita wanted to be a doctor. B. She understood that it would take many years of hard work and training. C. She loved taking her dogs for a walk even when the weather was atrocious.  VF	5b. Which two independent clauses can be joined together with a semi-colon? A. Training puppies can be challenging. B. They were found on the beach after many hours of searching. C. It requires patience, repetition and plenty of reassurance to achieve success.  VF
6a. Add three semi-colons to the list below. On our trip around the United Kingdom, we are planning to visit the following cities: Cardiff, in Wales Edinburgh, in Scotland York, in England and Belfast, in Northern Ireland.  VF	6b. Add three semi-colons to the list below. After investigating a murder at the Grand Hotel, police are keen to talk to the following people: the cook, aged 45 the waitress, aged 18 the receptionist, aged 53 and the valet, aged 20.  VF
7a. Which sentence below has used a semi-colon correctly? A. I bought a huge cream cake from the bakery; I've decided that my diet can start tomorrow, or even next month. B. The dog stared at me with his big, brown eyes; He knew that I'd crumble and give him the last bite of my pizza.  VF	7b. Which sentence below has used a semi-colon correctly? A. I'm going to have a baby brother no one asked me; if I actually wanted a new brother. B. Mum is pregnant again; her stomach is growing larger by the minute and I can no longer get my arms around her.  VF
8a. Put a semi-colon in the correct place to join the two independent clauses below. Polly left home just after 10pm it would be an incredibly long journey, but she hoped to arrive at the resort before dawn the following day.  VF	8b. Put a semi-colon in the correct place to join the two independent clauses below. The fire had destroyed everything their insurance would cover most costs, but many sentimental items could never be replaced.  VF

Expected

5a. A and B

6a. On our trip around the United Kingdom, we are planning to visit the following cities: Cardiff, in Wales; Edinburgh, in Scotland; York, in England; and Belfast, in Northern Ireland.

7a. A

8a. Polly left home just after 10pm; it would be an incredibly long journey, but she hoped to arrive at the resort before dawn the following day.

Expected

5b. A and C

6b. After investigating a murder at the Grand Hotel, police are keen to talk to the following people: the cook, aged 45; the waitress, aged 18; the receptionist, aged 53; and the valet, aged 20.

7b. B

8b. The fire had destroyed everything; their insurance would cover most costs, but many sentimental items could never be replaced.