

Grammar Homework 13.11.2020

Please complete the page below all about semi-colons. You can write your answers into your homework book.

Semi-Colons

Semi-colons can separate long phrases or clauses in a list.

This is usually when there are other punctuation marks in the items.

At the vets I saw three tiny, ginger cats; two dogs, both with broken legs; and a long-haired rabbit.

Unlike with commas, you need a semi-colon before the last item.

Semi-colons can also join two clauses in a sentence instead of a conjunction.

They both have to be main clauses, equally important and about the same thing.

Jake hated the film; Helena thought it was brilliant.

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Write out the pairs of main clauses with a semi-colon and a full stop.

I got a new bike

my brother got a car

My dad is English

my mum is German

I love ballet

my cousin loves tap

2

Tick the sentences where a semi-colon could be used instead of the conjunction.

Find a place to hide or you'll be in trouble.

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The robber grabbed his bag and ran away.

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I was absolutely starving so ate the lot.

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I couldn't believe it but I had come last.

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3 Add the missing semi-colons to these lists.

Jonas had Geography, where they were taking samples in the field
History, his favourite by far and then English with Mr Jeffries.

The trapeze artists flew through the air, effortlessly and skilfully
the magicians, my favourite, made all sorts of things vanish and
the three fire-breathers were truly breathtaking!

The flight was late, delayed by three hours the seats were
uncomfortable, especially mine and the in-flight food was horrid.

Ice skating is difficult: it hurts when you fall over, which happens
a lot you have to be careful with the blades on your boots and
you have to avoid others on the ice, which can be tricky!

4 Finish the sentence using the words in boxes and semi-colons.

then she spread the
mixture into a baking tin

first she mixed all the
ingredients together

then she baked it for
twenty minutes.

Gemma baked a cake:

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"I can break up lists and sentences with semi-colons."



