

A2 W6j. Can use a semi-colon (to separate two main clauses of a sentence) e.g. Tom worked hard; Dan did not.

1. Write **yes** or **no** in the table below to indicate whether a semi-colon has been used correctly.

	Yes/No
Many people enjoy the outdoors; the fresh air is good for our health.	
Many people enjoy; the outdoors the fresh air is good for our health.	
Many people enjoy the outdoors the fresh air; is good for our health.	

2. Use the clause provided to add another independent clause and write a sentence using a semi-colon. One has been done for you.

Some footballers prefer to kick with their right foot.

Some footballers prefer to kick with their right foot; others believe their left foot is much more effective.

a) Many animals use telepathy to communicate.

b) Several buildings have fallen into disrepair over time.

c) Some children enjoy water activities.

3a) Write a sentence about **a family trip to the zoo**, which includes a semi-colon to separate two main clauses.

3b) Write a sentence about **a boat lost at sea**, which includes a semi-colon to separate two main clauses.

3c) Write a sentence about **a group of children climbing a mountain**, which includes a semi-colon to separate two main clauses.

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Answers:

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Many people enjoy the outdoors; the fresh air is good for our health.	Yes
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2. Answers must include a semi-colon and an additional clause which links appropriately to the one provided. Ensure the letter after the semi colon is lower case.

Example:

a) Many animals use telepathy to communicate; others use a variety of different audible calls.

3. Any variation of the theme is acceptable. Sentence must include two main clauses, separated with a semi-colon. Ensure the letter after the semi colon is lower case.

Example:

a) The two brothers loved the penguins when they visited the zoo; the younger sister enjoyed watching the giraffes eating from the tall trees.