

Semi-colons

Semi-colons are used to **separate two or more linked clauses**. They are stronger than commas. They show us that there is a connection between the parts of the sentence.

For example: Sam loves football; Ben prefers rugby .

Task 1

Read the following sentences and decide where the **semi-colon** should be placed. Copy the correct sentence on the line below.

1. Wool is a natural fabric polyester is man-made.

2. One experiment involved boiling water the other involved cooling.

3. Mary likes pizza Rachel prefers pasta.

4. Dogs are carnivorous cows however are herbivorous.

5. The house was deserted the only sound was the tick of a clock.

6. The bus was late they decided to walk.

7. She opened the drawer a mouse jumped out.

8. Climbing walls is fun climbing mountains is hard work.



Task 2

Punctuate the following paragraph correctly. You will need to include - **capital letters, full stops, a question mark, commas, a colon, a semi- colon** and an **exclamation mark**.

Bill liked golf Barry preferred walking

"would you come for a walk in the country" asked Barry

"all right" replied Bill

"we could stop at my Aunt Debbie's house for lunch" Barry suggested

"what a wonderful idea" exclaimed Bill

for lunch she made them pork pie salad home-made soup and jelly and ice-cream Barry Aunt Debbie's favourite nephew ate more than his friend Bill they both had a good day out