

**Tuesday 9th February 2021**

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Starter:

TTYP - Which of these sentences is correctly punctuated?  
Why?

The gray wolf has grey and brown fur; its tail is long and bushy.

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## Planning and Teacher Model

<p><b><u>The Gray Wolf</u></b></p> <p>What do they look like?</p> <p>Where do they live?</p> <p>What do they eat?</p> <p>How are they different to other types of wolf?</p> <p>Any important facts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grey and brown fur; tail is long and bushy, long snouts and pointed ears on top of their heads;</li> <li>• native to Eurasia and North America.</li> <li>• small rodents to medium and very large animals- deer, beavers, bison.</li> <li>• the largest of the wolves, its less pointed ears and muzzle, as well as a shorter torso and a longer tail</li> <li>• do not always hunt in packs; sometimes they hunt independently.</li> <li>• adapt to a variety of surroundings</li> <li>• wolves territory drastically reduced due to humans continuing to move into their territory</li> </ul>	<p>Native</p> <p>Stamina</p> <p>Prey</p> <p>Territory</p> <p>Packs</p> <p>Snout-muzzle</p> <p>Adapt</p>	<p><b>Coordinating:</b> And, But, Or, Yet, So</p> <p><b>Subordinating:</b> If, Since, As, When, Although, After, Before, Until, Because</p> <p>They aren't as fast as other animals, <b>but</b> they have a stamina that can't be matched.</p> <p>They are very opportunistic <b>when</b> it comes to what they feed upon.</p> <p>What is interesting is that they usually won't attack prey that stands still. <b>Yet</b> they can surround it for hours or days at a time.</p>
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## How can semi-colons be used?

**In lists**

**To mark independent clauses**

Can you find examples in the model text of both types of semi-colon use?

### **The Gray Wolf**

The most common type of wolf, which is called the Gray Wolf, has grey and brown fur; its tail is long and bushy.. When you first look at them, you will notice that they have long snouts and pointed ears on top of their heads; these features are common for most wolves. Gray wolves mainly inhabit Europe and Asia. They will move from territory to territory based on the amount of food and water available to them.

Gray wolves like to consume a range of different types of food:

- Rodents that the wolves hunt for in their packs;
- Fruits that fall off of nearby trees;
- Berries which are not poisonous;
- Fish that live in the stream.

Contrary to popular belief, gray wolves do not always hunt in packs; sometimes they hunt independently.

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Task:

Using your plan, write the paragraph of your encyclopaedia entry about the gray wolf.

Include:

- Facts about the gray wolf.
- Semi colons in a list.
- Semi colons to separate clauses.

Challenge:

Include a colon to separate clauses.

Author's Corner:

- Rhetorical questions
- Semi-colons for clauses
- Semi-colons in a list
- Fronted adverbials
- Relative clauses

## Plenary

How do the semi-colons in this list help the reader?  
Why has the author used them instead of commas?

The Gray Wolf has a rich and varied diet: rodents that the wolves hunt for in their packs; fruits that fall off of nearby trees; berries which are not poisonous; fish that live in the stream.