

Grammar

Monday 1st February 2021

LI: To identify semi- colons to mark the boundary between independent clauses that are closely linked.

Success Criteria:

- I understand that semi-colons are used to mark the boundary between independent clauses that are closely linked.
- I can identify how two independent clauses are closely linked.
- I can use a semi-colon to mark the boundary between two independent clauses that are closely linked.

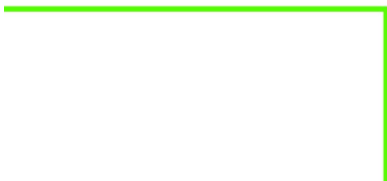
Starter

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TTYP:

Why would we use a semi-colon in our writing?

To separate or link two independent clauses.





In order to use semi-colons, you need to have two independent clauses that link together.

The frail cub was extremely cold; He cuddled his mum to get warm.

Grey wolves are known for their grey skin. The mountains are large in the Arctic.



TTYP: Can we use a semi-colon to join these two sentences? Explain why/why not.

We cannot use a semi-colon because these two independent clauses are not linked together.

1.



For example:

White wolves can camouflage with their environment.

2.



3.



4.



Write a main clause sentence about each of the images.

1.



For example:
White wolves can camouflage with their environment.

2.



Grey wolves have legendary spine-tingling howls.

3.



Wolves will fight for leadership of the pack.

4.



Most wolves live in packs of around six to ten animals.



Model Text

White wolves can camouflage with their environment; this keeps them safe from potential predators.



Can you link these sentences correctly using semi-colons?

Beautiful white (sometimes blue-gray) coats; Their fur is always thick and highly insulating.
The wolf's thick tail aids its balance; The tail (or "brush") is especially useful as warm cover in cold weather.
The Arctic wolf population; Extreme weather variations has reduced the traditional food supply of the

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TASK:

Extend your main clause sentences that you used for each of the images using a semi-colon like I have done in my model. Ensure that your sentences link.

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Challenge

Write a paragraph about a wolf cub and how it will survive in the forest. Ensure that you have sentences which use a semi-colon. Also use relative clauses.

Plenary

Peer Assessment

Has your partner written two main clauses, joined with a semi-colon?

Do the two main clauses link together?

If not, help your partner to edit in green pen!

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