

Semicolons



Semicolon Usage #1

A semicolon is most commonly used to combine two sentences or independent clauses because they are related. The words on both sides of the semicolon must be complete sentences that could be separated with a period.

Ex: I want to go to the mall; a new store opened up next to Macy's.

Ex: I studied very hard for my chemistry exam; as a result, I had the highest score in the class.

Semicolon Usage # 2

A semicolon can be accompanied by conjunctive adverbs like “however” or “moreover” to connect your ideas.

Ex: The new store had great clothes;
however the store was extremely crowded.

Semicolon Usage # 3

A semicolon can separate items in a series that is lengthy or already contains its own commas.

Ex: I went to Madrid, Barcelona, and Salamanca in Spain; London, Liverpool, and Bristol in England; and Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane in Australia.