

Using a semi-colon correctly

sentences are closely related.

Semi-colons are used to link two sentences that are really closely related.

Mary's favourite dessert is ice cream.

Jane's favourite dessert is cheesecake.

You could put a connective, like 'and', in between the two sentences. A more sophisticated way to link them is to put a semi-colon between them.

Mary's favourite dessert is ice cream; Jane's favourite dessert is cheesecake.

Choose which sentences below are closely related to each other and connect them with a semi-colon.

The national plant of Wales is the leek.	Mary was the one wearing the green dress.
One of James Cameron's most famous films is 'Avatar'.	Easter remembers Jesus' death and resurrection.
Sally was the one with the curly hair.	Oxygen has an atomic number of eight.
Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus.	The national plant of Scotland is the thistle.
Hydrogen has an atomic number of one.	He is also famous for 'Titanic'.

Now, write your own closely related sentences and connect them with a semi-colon.