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# Join Closely Related Sentences

You can use a semicolon to join two closely related sentences of equal emphasis that are not joined by a conjunction.

**EXAMPLE:** John only has cats. He's allergic to dogs.  
John only has cats; he's allergic to dogs.



**DIRECTIONS:** Use a semicolon to combine each set of sentences.

1. Jill put on her sweater. She was starting to get cold.
2. I bought a new bookcase. I have more books than I had space for.
3. I think I'd like a pancake. I'll have a sausage too.
4. I'm free this weekend. I think I'll take my dog for a hike.
5. I just met my new neighbor. He seems like a nice guy.
6. It's almost Christmas. I have to finish my shopping.