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# Semicolons

Semicolons are used to introduce something that follows, like a quotation, example or a list. A semicolon can perform three different functions in a sentence:

1. Combine two closely related independent clauses of equal emphasis which are not joined by a conjunction.
2. Separate independent clauses that are joined by a conjunctive adverb.
3. Separate items in a list when commas alone would be confusing.

**DIRECTIONS:** Add a semicolon where needed in each sentence.

1. It's dark outside let's wait till the sun comes up before we go.
2. I have a lot to do today: I have some computer work to do some long overdue shopping and some chores around the house.
3. You seem perky you must have slept well.
4. I'm an avid reader often, I read a whole novel over the weekend.
5. We have an above-ground pool however, I'm thinking of having it removed.
6. I'm a pretty good cook for example, I made this pizza.

