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ANSWERS

Using Semi Colons Challenge

Semi-colons are used to separate two main clauses that are clearly related to each other but could stand on their own as sentences. They can be used to replace a conjunction, e.g.

I have a rugby match next week **and** I really hope we win.

I have a rugby match next week; I really hope we win.

1. Circle the conjunction in each sentence below.
    1. I am starving (so) I can't wait until dinner.
    2. Sam was desperately tired (and) he wanted to go home to bed.
    3. It was pouring outside (so) I needed to bring my umbrella to school today.
    4. Fiona went to meet her friend at the airport (because) she hadn't seen her for ages.
    5. My team are at the top of the league (so) I expect we will win our match today.

Now have a go at matching the parts of a sentence on the left to the correct part on the right and copy correctly into your book, following the rules on page 1 carefully.

It was getting very late;	he was more of a night-owl.
The snow started to fall;	he ate it every day.
Larkin did not like getting up early;	Timothy decided to go to bed.
Yan loved dark chocolate;	his friend had invited him and two friends.
Claude went to a trampoline party;	the sky was as white as a sheet.

Copy and complete in your book:

Example answers

Write a second related clause after the semi-colon in the sentences below:

1. It was getting dark; the sky was full of grey clouds.
2. Henry was extremely excited; he had never visited a zoo before.
3. Laura was going to the shops with her mum; she needed some new school shoes

Write a clause to go before the semi-colon.

4. The children hadn't completed the work; the teacher kept them in at lunchtime.