

# Adding a Semicolon

Each sentence below contains a pair of **closely related** independent clauses that have been joined with a conjunction. However, because they are closely related, they can be linked together with a **semicolon (;)**. Rewrite each sentence below, replacing the conjunction with a **semicolon**.

1. The boys were very excited because they were going bowling.

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2. On a hillside, the goats bleated loudly and the valley echoed with the sound.

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3. Jemima was feeling sad because her best friend had moved to another town.

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4. John raced through the gates when he was running late for school.

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5. Long shadows emerged through the streets as the sun was slowly setting.

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6. The dog barked at his owner because he wanted to go for a walk.

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7. In the supermarket, there was a long queue at the checkout because all the other tills were closed.

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