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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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