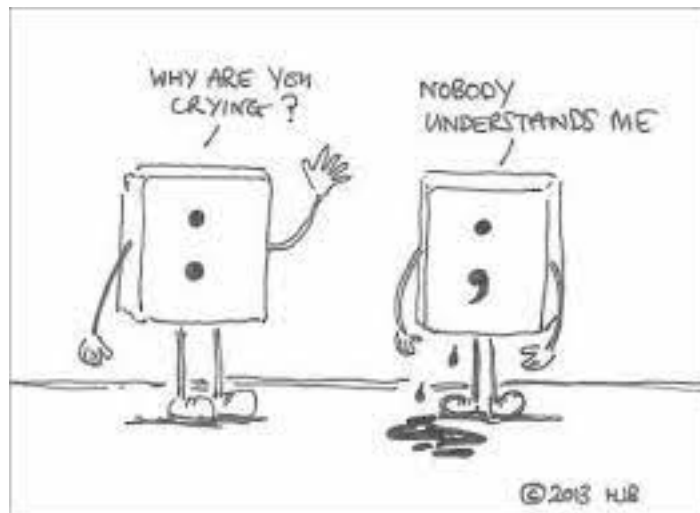


Semi-colons:

A semicolon (;) is used in many ways, the most common of the being to join clauses and in lists. When using semicolons in clauses, it usually replaces a FANBOY or comma. For example, "I don't like Mondays **because** they are boring," would become, "I don't like Mondays; they are boring." In lists, semicolons are only used if there is extra information within the list. In normal lists (cats, dogs, and parrots) you use normal commas. But in lists with additional info (Berlin, Germany; Perth, WA; and Tokyo; Japan), you need to use semicolons. This is so that the commas that indicate the additional info, and the ones that indicate the separation of items in a list don't get mixed up. You need to make sure that there is always a semicolon before the last item on a list, since these are different to regular commas. For example, 'Berlin, Germany; Perth, WA and Tokyo; Japan,' is incorrect, since there isn't a semicolon included before the last item on the list.



Activity

Rewrite the sentences below in your books, but with semi-colons in them:

1- I need to get milk, from aisle 1 cheese, from aisle 2 and apples, from aisle 3.

2- I can't eat that cheese because I am allergic.