

Semi-Colons

Semi-colons have two uses only.

They can be used to combine two independent /complete sentences. The semi-colon functions like a conjunction, in suggesting to the reader that two ideas are connected. Unlike a conjunction, however, it does not suggest the nature of the connection.

- *A semi-colon is a grown-up piece of punctuation; it implies a relationship between two ideas of similar importance.*

Semi-colons are used in a list which already has commas in it.

- *There are small undergraduate universities in Halifax, NS; Wolfville, NS; and Sackville, NB.*