

SEMI-COLONS IN COMPLICATED LISTS

- In a simple list you need commas between all the things in the list but not between the last two
- They just need 'and' or 'or'

We can play with balls, bikes and hoops at playtime.

- With a complicated list, in which there are commas within items in a list, we use semi-colons instead of commas
- A semi-colon is used even before the and/or

Put a circle around the semi-colons in these sentences

- 1) We can play with small, bouncy balls; shiny, red bikes; and new, plastic hoops at playtime.
- 2) I put on my big, blue hat; cool, dark sunglasses; and light, rubber flip-flops when I went out.
- 3) Cute, furry cats; playful, friendly dogs; small, soft rabbits; and beautiful, talkative birds are good pets to have.
- 4) The lessons I like best are logical, challenging maths; expressive, interesting English; fun, exciting art; and lively, enjoyable music.
- 5) We had fantastic, flaky fish; crispy, tasty chips; green, mushy peas; sweet, chocolate cake; and refreshing, orange squash for lunch.
- 6) A rainbow is deep, ruby red; bright, carrot orange; pale, lemony yellow; brilliant, grass green; and light, sky blue.
- 7) I need a blue, felt pen; long, lead pencil; big, bendy rubber; new, metal sharpener; short, wooden ruler; and new, interesting reading book for school.
- 8) At breaktime I play with arty, creative Alisha; honest, trustworthy Jamil; sporty, energetic Sonia; friendly, funny Freddy; joker, generous Jonah; and clever, sensible Kim.

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Answers

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Read the sentences and then replace 'and' with semi-colons

(Remember to add a semi-colon but leave 'and' between the last two items)

Read the sentences again

- 1) We can play with small, bouncy balls and shiny, red bikes and new, plastic hoops at playtime.

- 2) I put on my big, blue hat and cool, dark sunglasses and light, rubber flip-flops when I went out.

- 3) Cute, furry cats and playful, friendly dogs and small, soft rabbits and beautiful, talkative birds are good pets to have.

- 4) The lessons I like best are logical, challenging maths and expressive, interesting English and fun, exciting art and lively, enjoyable music.

- 5) We had fantastic, flaky fish and crispy, tasty chips and green, mushy peas and sweet, chocolate cake and refreshing, orange squash for lunch.

- 6) A rainbow is deep, ruby red and bright, carrot orange and pale, lemony yellow and brilliant, grass green and light, sky blue.

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3 TOYS	item with comma (add two adjectives)
ball	small, bouncy
bike	shiny, red
hoops	new, plastic

1) We can play with small, bouncy balls; shiny, red bikes; and new, plastic hoops at playtime.

Make sentences containing a list of your items
(Remember to add semi-colons even before the 'and')

3 TOYS	item with comma (add two adjectives)

2)

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3 THINGS YOU CAN WEAR	item with comma (add two adjectives)

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SEMI-COLONS IN COMPLICATED LISTS

Make sentences containing a list of the items
(Remember to add semi-colons even before the 'and')

4 ANIMALS	item with comma (add two adjectives)

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4 SUBJECTS AT SCHOOL	item with comma (add two adjectives)

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SEMI-COLONS IN COMPLICATED LISTS

Make sentences containing a list of the items
(Remember to add semi-colons even before the 'and')

5 SORTS OF FOOD AND DRINK	item with comma (add two adjectives)

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5 COLOURS	item with comma (add two adjectives)

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SEMI-COLONS IN COMPLICATED LISTS

Make sentences containing a list of the items
(Remember to add semi-colons even before the 'and')

6 THINGS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL	item with comma (add two adjectives)

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SEMI-COLONS IN COMPLICATED LISTS

Make sentences containing a list of the items
(Remember to add semi-colons even before the 'and')

6 NAMES OF CHILDREN	item with comma (add two adjectives)

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