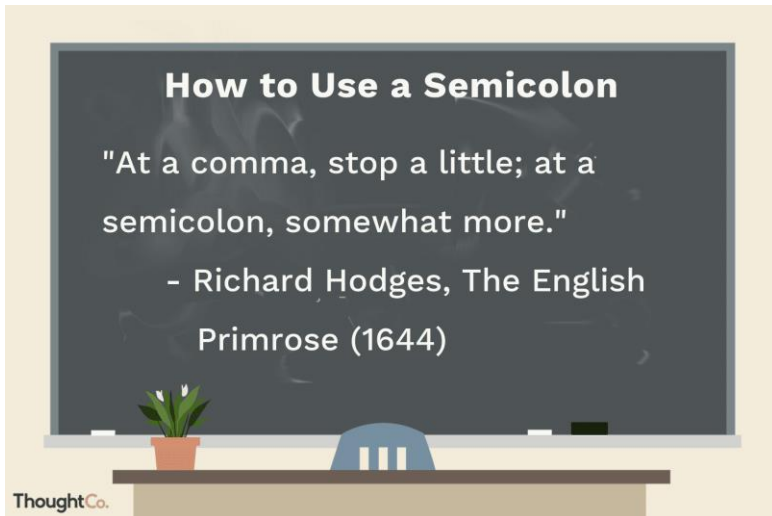


# Semicolon

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# When to use

- ▶ Semicolons are used to connect
- ▶ They connect two complete, related ideas
- ▶ They separate items in a list



# Correct examples

- ▶ John was big fan of the movie; Bill was not.
- ▶ The my favorite cities are Chicago, Illinois; Dallas, Texas; and Atlanta, Georgia.
- ▶ Sarah loved the restaurant; in contrast, Matt thought the food was terrible.



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# Incorrect example

- ▶ Semicolons are not used to connect an independent clause with a dependent clause
- ▶ The example below is incorrect
  - ▶ Cade is a good baseball player; Brad is not.

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