

SEMICOLONS

What are Semicolons?



They connect two similar independent clauses!



Correct Examples:

1. The other day my family and I ate lunch at the park; we packed the most delightful tomato sandwiches .
2. I intended to apologize for my behavior last night; I was not myself.
3. Chris played brilliantly today; he scored ten points!

Incorrect Example:

1. We are ready for the trip; last night, I kept an eye out for these guys.

These two independent clauses have nothing in common! Therefore, there is no point in connecting them. Next time, extend the first clause with a statement more similar.