



# Semi-Colons

## Part B

In 'The Highwayman', some semi-colons are used to show that the information in separate sentences is closely related, without having to repeatedly use words like 'and', 'but' 'so'.

Part 2, stanza 5, line 3:

*She would not risk their hearing; she would not strive again;*

Read this stanza from Sherwood by Alfred Noyes (the punctuation has been removed!)

*Robin Hood is here again all his merry thieves*

*Hear a ghostly bugle-note shivering through the leaves*

*Calling as he used to call faint and far away*

*In Sherwood in Sherwood about the break of day*

Can you turn this section of poetry into a piece of prose that uses semi-colons to create some interesting sentences?

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### ★ Challenge Task ★

Find other examples of semi-colons in your reading book. Write out the sentences and explain why a semi-colon has been used.

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