



## Semicolons — Joining Independent Clauses

Grade 5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rewrite the two sentences as one sentence joined by a semicolon.

A **semicolon (;)** joins two **closely related** complete sentences without a conjunction. Both sides must be able to stand alone.

**Example:** I was hungry. There was no food left. → **I was hungry; there was no food left.**

(1) The sun is a star. It provides light and heat to Earth. 🌞

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(2) Bees are important pollinators. They help many plants grow fruits and vegetables. 🐝

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(3) Water covers about 71% of Earth's surface. Most of it is saltwater in the oceans. 🌊

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(4) Photosynthesis is how plants make food. They use sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide. 🌿

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(5) A chameleon can change its skin color. This helps it blend into its surroundings. 🦎

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(6) The Earth rotates on its axis. This rotation causes day and night. 🌍

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(7) Volcanoes can erupt violently. They release ash, gases, and molten rock. 🌋

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(8) Butterflies undergo metamorphosis. They transform from a larva to a pupa, then to an adult. 🦋

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(9) Sound travels in waves. It needs a medium like air or water to move. 🔊

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(10) The moon orbits Earth. It takes about 27 days to complete one orbit. 🌕

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