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| **Grammar Masters: Teacher’s Notes****Topic: Semicolons** |
| Semicolons help you connect closely related ideas when a punctuation mark stronger than a comma is needed. By using semicolons effectively, you can make your writing sound more sophisticated.* **1. Link two****independent clauses****to connect closely related ideas**

Some people write with a word processor**;** others write with a pen or pencil.* **2. Link lists where the items contain commas to avoid confusion between list items**

There are basically two ways to write: with a pen or pencil, which is inexpensive and easily accessible**;**or by computer and printer, which is more expensive but quick and neat.* **3. Link lengthy clauses or clauses with commas to avoid confusion between clauses**

Some people write with a word processor, typewriter, or a computer**;** but others, for different reasons, choose to write with a pen or pencil. |

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