

More uses of semi-colons

As well as being used in lists, semi-colons can be used to link clauses together, rather in the same way as a connective.

Example: I bought a new car, which was a Vauxhall Vectra.
I bought a new car; a Vauxhall Vectra.

Re-write these sentences using a semi-colon to replace the connective.

1. It was a cold day so I had to wrap up warmly.
2. I felt really silly because I got the answer wrong.
3. Our dogs race around the field because they are very energetic animals.
4. The thief managed to escape by fighting his way through the crowd.
5. I liked the book, as it was a pleasure to read.
6. The first film was the best because I thought the sequel was rubbish.
7. I switched off the alarm clock, as it was time to get up.
8. I ran some cold water into the bath because it was far too hot.

Explore some of your own sentences where instead of using a connective to link sentences together you can use a semi-colon.

