



### Using Semicolons and Conjunctive Adverbs

#### Today's Standard

9-10.L.2a - Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Combining sentences in essays; Writing professional emails; Crafting complex sentences in creative writing; Building coherent arguments in debates; Editing and revising written work

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use semicolons and words like 'however' to join two sentences that are closely related.

#### Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students think semicolons and commas are the same, but they're not. Others think semicolons can join parts of sentences that can't stand alone, which is also wrong.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a semicolon?
- When do you use a semicolon?
- What is an independent clause?
- Can you use a semicolon with a dependent clause?
- Give me an example of a sentence with a semicolon.

#### Help Me

We use semicolons to join two sentences that are closely related. For example, 'I have a big test tomorrow; I can't go out tonight.' This helps make our writing clear and connected.