

Advanced Punctuation

If you want to get Level 6 and above, start thinking about using more advanced punctuation in your writing. This poster is a guide to what to use and how to use it.

Semi-Colon Colon

A semi-colon links two or more simple sentences, providing they are linked by a common theme.

E.g.,

It's really cold today; you can tell it's December.

This shows that some example, explanation or list is to follow. It also punctuates speech in a script.

E.g., Use the following instructions are a guide: put water in the kettle, switch it on, wait until it has boiled.

The dash Hyphen

This is used to show a change in thought or some hesitation in speech.

E.g., "I'm so scared, I don't know—"

This is used to join two or more words into one compound word.

E.g., Anti-social, Semi-colon

Apostrophe

An apostrophe is used to show possession of something or to show a contracted words.

E.g., "The book belongs to Kathryn" could be "The book is Kathryn's."

"It is not" becomes "It isn't."