

1.

Which punctuation mark should be used in the place indicated by the arrow?

Josh was excellent at languages he spoke French and Spanish.



Tick **one**.

comma

hyphen

full stop

semi-colon

1 mark

2.

What is the name of the **punctuation mark** used between the two main clauses below?

My sister loves team sports; my brother, on the other hand, prefers individual sports – such as athletics.

1 mark

3.

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

There are Roman ruins near our village they are

being excavated next week.

1 mark

4. Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The suitcase was heavy the box was lighter but more awkward to carry.

1 mark

5. Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Come and see me tomorrow I will not have time to see you today.

1 mark

6. Insert **two commas** and a **semi-colon** in the correct places in the passage below.

Last Wednesday we performed a play at school I invited my parents to come and watch. When I first went on stage I was so nervous that I nearly forgot my lines.

1 mark

7. Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Frank would like to go to Cornwall next summer he might also visit France in the spring.

1 mark

8.

Which sentence uses a **semi-colon** correctly?

Tick **one**.

In the bag we found; five carrots, two cabbages and a large onion.

The book began with a boy called Tim; climbing a steep hill.

Jessie went to look for her brother; Bill.

The wind was howling; the rain was drumming on the roof.

1 mark

Mark schemes

1. semi-colon 1 mark
2. **Award 1 mark** for the correct response.
- *semi-colon*
- Also accept** plausible misspellings and responses that do not use a hyphen, e.g.
- *semicolon*
 - *semi colon*
- 1 mark
3. **Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed semi-colon.
- There are Roman ruins near our village; they are being excavated next week.
- 1 mark
4. **Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed semi-colon.
- The suitcase was heavy; the box was lighter but more awkward to carry.
- 1 mark
5. **Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed semi-colon.
- Come and see me tomorrow; I will not have time to see you today.
- 1 mark
6. **Award 1 mark** for two commas and a semi-colon in the correct places.
- Last Wednesday, we performed a play at school; I invited my parents to come and watch. When I first went on stage, I was so nervous that I nearly forgot my lines.
- 1 mark
7. **Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed semi-colon.
- Frank would like to go to Cornwall next summer; he might also visit France in the spring.
- 1 mark
8. The wind was howling; the rain was drumming on the roof. 1 mark