

# Why

## What's the point of a semicolon?

The most common way to use a semicolon is to connect two independent clauses. For example:

*“ The ice cream truck man drove by my house today. He had big hairy knuckles. ”*

The two statements are separated by a period. If read aloud, it would go something like this:

*“ The ice cream truck man drove by my house today. \*take a breath\* He had big hairy knuckles. ”*

With a semicolon, however, it would sound like this:

*“ The ice cream truck man drove by my house today; he had big hairy knuckles. ”*

Basically what we did was eliminate the pause between the two statements without using words such as *and*, *but*, *nor*, or *yet*.

