

Semicolons in lists

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- ☐ The exhibits came from Cairo; Egypt; Athens; Greece; and Rome; Italy.
- ☐ The exhibits came from Cairo, Egypt; Athens, Greece; and Rome, Italy.
- ☐ The exhibits came from Cairo, Egypt, Athens, Greece, and Rome, Italy.

2 Which sentence uses semicolons correctly in a complex list? Tick one.

- ☐ We visited Paris; France; Rome; Italy; and Madrid; Spain.
- ☐ We visited Paris, France, Rome, Italy, and Madrid, Spain.
- ☐ We visited Paris; France, Rome; Italy, and Madrid; Spain.
- ☐ We visited Paris, France; Rome, Italy; and Madrid, Spain.

3 Which sentence uses semicolons correctly in a complex list? Tick one.

- ☐ On the trip we met: Sara, the captain, Liam, the navigator, and Jo, the cook.
- ☐ On the trip we met: Sara; the captain; Liam; the navigator; and Jo; the cook.
- ☐ On the trip we met: Sara, the captain; Liam, the navigator; and Jo, the cook.
- ☐ On the trip we met: Sara; the captain, Liam; the navigator, and Jo; the cook.

4 Which sentence uses semicolons correctly in a complex list? Tick one.

- ☐ The talk covered tides, at the coast; currents, out at sea; and storms, in the Atlantic.
- ☐ The talk covered tides; at the coast; currents; out at sea; and storms; in the Atlantic.
- ☐ The talk covered tides; at the coast, currents; out at sea, and storms; in the Atlantic.
- ☐ The talk covered tides, at the coast, currents, out at sea, and storms, in the Atlantic.

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- ☐ The choir sang pieces by Handel; in Latin, Britten; in English, and Faure; in French.
- ☐ The choir sang pieces by Handel, in Latin, Britten, in English, and Faure, in French.
- ☐ The choir sang pieces by Handel; in Latin; Britten; in English; and Faure; in French.
- ☐ The choir sang pieces by Handel, in Latin; Britten, in English; and Faure, in French.

6 Which sentence uses semicolons correctly in a complex list? Tick one.

- ☐ Our matches are against Ashfield; at home, Brookvale; away, and Kingsmead; at home.
- ☐ Our matches are against Ashfield, at home; Brookvale, away; and Kingsmead, at home.
- ☐ Our matches are against Ashfield; at home; Brookvale; away; and Kingsmead; at home.
- ☐ Our matches are against Ashfield, at home, Brookvale, away, and Kingsmead, at home.

7 Which sentence uses semicolons correctly in a complex list? Tick one.

- ☐ The garden had apples, along the south wall, pears, by the shed, and plums, near the gate.
- ☐ The garden had apples; along the south wall; pears; by the shed; and plums; near the gate.
- ☐ The garden had apples; along the south wall, pears; by the shed, and plums; near the gate.
- ☐ The garden had apples, along the south wall; pears, by the shed; and plums, near the gate.

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