**Using Semi-colons**

**Semi colons can be used to break up lists where the items have more than one word in them, and also in place of a connective to create a different mood/feel to a sentence.**

Examples: The boy went to the shops and bought three packets of crisps; four tins of beans; twelve cans of cola; some caramel wafers and three pints of milk.

Slowly the old man plodded along the road; his legs aching terribly.

Put some semi-colons into these sentences.

1. Claudia went to a party and played hide and seek pin the tail on the donkey a treasure hunt musical chairs and pass the parcel.
2. It was dark outside and the man could hardly see where he was going he almost tripped.
3. Now that it was getting late Paul wanted to go home he was tired.
4. Larkin didn’t like sprouts he didn’t like chicken he didn’t like coffee and he couldn’t stand white bread.
5. Fiona never got up before seven o’clock she didn’t like early mornings.
6. Outside it was raining and the birds were sheltering under the trees the cat had rushed inside and even the ducks had taken shelter.
7. The right hand side of the office was cluttered the left hand side was tidy.
8. Yeshi wanted to go out and play he liked playing with his friends.
9. Sometimes, the neighbours were very quiet sometimes they were really noisy sometimes they were friendly and sometimes they were aloof.
10. He went to meet his friend he hadn’t seen him for ages.