



SEMICOLONS

A **SEMICOLON** is an economical way to **JOIN TWO SENTENCES** so that your reader sees the **RELATIONSHIP** between the ideas in them.

These sentences should be closely related in content, but you must be certain you are connecting two complete sentences that could stand on their own. Here is an example.

Example 1:

Jim is a good typist. He makes few mistakes.

These two complete sentences, related in content, can be joined by a semicolon.

Jim is a good typist; he makes few mistakes.

Below is another example of a semi-colon use and sharing relationships between ideas.

Example 2:

The AFC Corporation is an excellent company to invest in. Its investments have risen sharply and steadily over each of the last ten years.

The AFC Corporation is an excellent company to invest in; its investments have risen sharply and steadily over each of the last ten years.

★The important point to remember is that you must have **COMPLETE SENTENCES** on **BOTH SIDES** of the semicolon.

