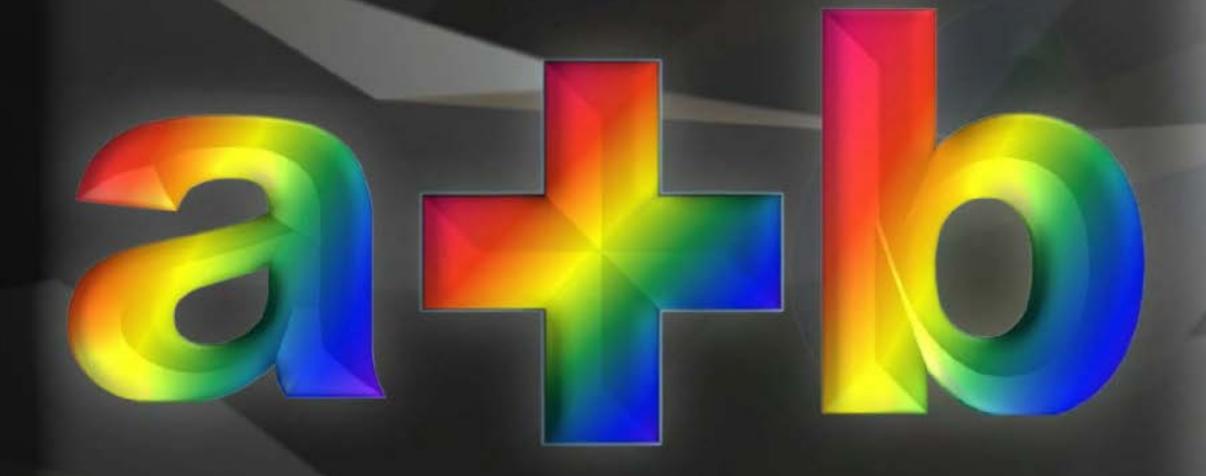


the semicolon



the semicolon combines



two separate thoughts on the same subject





the full stop



or 'and'



it's because it is)

the semicolon BRINGS CLOSER

SEPARATE

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RELATED

It was the best of times.

It was the worst of times.

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

INKED



l like eating fruite however it makes me constipated.

like eating fruit therefore must be healthy.

l like eating fruit consequently, the grocer is my pest friend.



the semicolon BREAKS UP LISTS

like fruit from different regions

lemons, limes, and oranges from Spain

cherries, peaches, and Zuccata from Italy

and raspberries oseberries and plums from England

Pause length defines the 'what' of the semicolon, not its 'why'.

Without rules, it often wrongly replaces the colon.

Remember, the semicolon brings SEPARATE ideas together (& lists).

If in doubt, use the colon. Or do as others do - use the hyphen.

Be clear. Be simple. Be human

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