

BrainPOP Related Reading - Semicolons

“Sometimes you get a glimpse of a semicolon coming, a few lines farther on, and it is like climbing a steep path through woods and seeing a wooden bench just at a bend in the road ahead, a place where you can expect to sit for a moment, catching your breath.” –Lewis Thomas, American physician and writer

“Why do I avoid, as much as possible, using the semicolon? Let me be plain: the semicolon is ugly, ugly as a tick on a dog's belly. I pinch them out of my prose.” –Donald Barthelme, American author

“All [semicolons] do is show that you've been to college.” –Kurt Vonnegut, American author

“The semicolon is the enemy of action; it is the agent of reflection and meditation” –*New York Times* Editorial

“The players in this drama of frustration and indignity are not commas or semicolons in a legislative thesis; they are people, human beings, citizens of the United States of America.” –Roy Wilkins, American civil rights leader

“I love it; it is useful for many things. My understanding is, it is correctly used to join two complete, but related sentences; this way, the reader feels the link, albeit subtly. I love it so much, in fact, that I am currently writing a story made up of only semi-colons; it is quite a challenge, but I believe in it very much.” –George Saunders, American author

“I had decided about this time that the semicolon is an unnecessary stop and that I would write my next book without one.” –George Orwell, British author

