LO: To write with technical accuracy of punctuation

Target: My sentences use the full range of punctuation and are consistently accurate.

**HOW TO USE SEMICOLONS**

The semicolon is a hugely powerful punctuation mark. Getting it right will help you move up the levels and impress your teachers. Correct use will allow you to express your ideas and opinions more precisely. The good news is that it is simple and easy to use and should take you no more than a few minutes to master.

HOW CAN I TELL IF I NEED A SEMICOLON?

Use a semi-colon

to link two separate sentences that are closely related

*The children came home today; they had been away for a week.*

in a list that already contains lots of commas

*Star Trek, created by Gene Roddenberry; Babylon 5, by JMS; Buffy, by Joss Whedon; and Farscape, from the Henson Company.*

WRITING TASKS:

1. Using the following information, write a sentence, making sure that you include a semi colon

* List the **contents** of your bedroom.
* Write something about one of your parents. Name and job perhaps?
* Describe your favourite school subject and explain why!