

## Literacy - Semi colons

We use a semi colon to separate clauses in a sentence. Remember that clauses have to have a verb in them. The clauses must be about the same topic if we are going to put them in the same sentence.

Look at this sentence describing all the things that happen when Leon enters the box.

*Paper flowers blossomed from his sleeves; silk scarves changed colour at a whispered word; water poured into a hat, turned into night air.*

Note that there are no conjunctions. We don't need them anymore as we have the semi colons instead. You might also have noticed that each clause could be a simple sentence if it were on its own.

*Paper flowers blossomed from his sleeves.*

*Silk scarves changed colour at a whispered word.*

*Water poured into a hat, turned into night air.*

Have a go at writing a 3-part sentence using semicolons describing:

1. What Leon could see when he first entered the circus tent.
2. What he could hear when he entered the circus tent.
3. What he could feel when he sat down in the circus tent.

Now you have three wonderful sentences to get you started, try writing a paragraph describing Leon's initial experience of the

*circus. We have considered some of his senses but don't forget about:*

- *How he felt*
- *What he said*
- *What he did*