

## Compound and Complex Sentences

### Compound Sentence

Let's make your sentences grow. The easiest way is to join two simple sentences to make a compound sentence.

Pattern 1

S \_\_\_\_\_ V ; S \_\_\_\_\_ V

(two short, related sentences joined)

Pattern 1 helps you join two short, simple sentences having closely related ideas by a semi-colon. **DO NOT PUT A COMMA!**

You avoid putting a comma if you faithfully copy the following patterns for compound sentences, being careful to imitate the punctuation exactly. Remember that an independent clause has a subject-verb combination that makes a full statement. What follows the semicolon must be able to stand alone; otherwise your sentence is wrong.

Examples:

1. Kuala Lumpur is a busy city; this means getting around it will be easy.
2. Malaysians come from different backgrounds; you might want to know what is not suitable.
3. Malaysia offers the cheapest rates for tourist; the country beat the likes of Bangkok, New York, London, and Tokyo.
4. Central Market is an entertainment and recreational hub for local citizens and foreigners; it is a one-stop souvenir-shopping centre in Kuala Lumpur.
5. The easiest way to get around the city is by boarding the LRT system; it services some of Kuala Lumpur's affluent and heavily populated areas.