

The Jamie Drake
Equation
- Phase 2
Day 3: Identify,
Examine, Practise,
Apply

Identify

What punctuation has been used in this sentence?

- The fog reached the ground like a blanket; all sounds were smothered with a ghost-like quality to them.



Identify

Can you spot the punctuation in the following sentences?

A river of cars snaked along the mountain pass; vehicle after vehicle, for as far as the eye could see, desperate to escape.

Lights glittered in the distance, beckoning him home; ahead of him lay a corridor of darkness that he would have to cross before he reached safety.

Hanging from the trees like icicles, drops of water glimmered in the early morning sun; they hung there for what seemed like an eternity until they fell and landed lazily on the pillow-like ground below.

Examine

Can you see where the author has used semi-colons?

Why do you think that he has used them?

Up close, the observatory looks even more derelict; its curved red-brick walls are crumbling in places; the chunks of rubble are almost lost among the weeds. It doesn't look like anyone has been here for years. There are no windows and as I skirt round the edge of the building in search of a door; I wonder what might be left inside. Maybe the telescope is still working and I'll be able to catch a close-up of Dad on his next orbit round in ninety minutes time. If I could just find a way in...

Then I see something that stops me in my tracks. Silhouetted against the setting sun, it looks like a robot riding on top of a giant techno-spider. It's nearly twice my height; its four metal legs extended and planted in the ground, while the satellite dish head is pointing to the stars. On its sleek white body, I can see a bright blue logo:

Practise

Write two sentences about the same subject.

Link the two sentences and then join them with a semi-colon instead of using a full-stop.

Waves

Darkness

Night time

Apply

- Can you describe the building using sentences which are linked by semi-colons?

