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Starting Point

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I have a rugby match next week; I really hope we win.

1. Rewrite each sentence replacing the conjunction with a semi-colon.

1. I am starving; I can't wait until dinner.
2. Sam was desperately tired; he wanted to go home to bed.
3. It was pouring outside; I needed to bring my umbrella to school today.
4. Fiona went to meet her friend at the airport; she hadn't seen her for ages.
5. My team are at the top of the league; I expect we will win our match today.

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Feeling Happy

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2. Match the two related clauses and write out the complete sentences with a semi-colon.

It was getting very late;

he was more of a night-owl.

The snow started to fall;

he ate it every day.

Larkin did not like getting up early;

Timothy decided to go to bed.

Yan loved dark chocolate;

his friend had invited him and two friends.

Claude went to a trampoline party;

the sky was as white as a sheet.

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Larkin did not like getting up early; he was more of a night owl.

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Claude went to a trampoline party; his friend had invited him and two friends.

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Hot Stuff

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Write a second related clause after the semi-colon in the sentences below:

6. It was getting very late; _____

7. Holly looked outside and saw that it was snowing; _____

8. Larkin did not like getting up in the mornings; _____

9. Yan loved dark chocolate; _____

10. The birds were singing sweetly; _____
