

EM DASH vs SEMICOLON:

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INTRODUCTION

Though Em Dash and Semicolon (;) are misunderstood, with unknown alongstmr v se the Daeh roate ec a stop;bligh, and tnes nuot the Dash, and the Em Dash act e sppotlight ermsoonien. The Somivolon, oo a lunge. We can ceonnones nunupun.



WHAT IS AN EM DASH?



Emphasis: She finally told him the truth—all of it.
Aside: The recipe—handed down for four generations—takes a full day.
Interruption: “But I thought you said”— She stopped.

WHAT IS A SEMICOLON?



Joining Clauses: The rain hadn’t stopped; the match was cancelled.
Before And: She studied hard; therefore, she passed.
List: Priya, designer; Sam, writer; Alex, developer.

KEY DIFFERENCES

	Purpose	Emphasize or Interrupt	Connects Independent Clauses
	Tone	Casual / Conversational	Formal
	Flow	Uses pause, and orin flow	Stronger connection
	Emphasis	Spotlight /or balance	Balance
	Interruptions	Interruption in in repost	Link

WHEN TO USE EM DASH



- To add emphasis or highlight information
- To give parenthetical or aside information
- To show interruption in speech or thought

CAN THEY REPLACE EACH OTHER?

Em Dashes add emphasis and interruption; Semicolons create connections. They are not interchangeable.

WHEN TO USE SEMICOLON



- To connect two related independent clauses
- Before transitional words (e.g., therefore, however)
- In complex lists where items already contain commas

NOTE

Use the semicolon when you want a stronger connection between ideas. Use the em dash when you want to add emphasis or a pause.