**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to write sentences about anacondas, using a semi-colon to mark a boundary between two main clauses.

**Challenge 1**

**Decide where you think the semi-colon should go in each of the following sentences.**

1. The anaconda’s body is huge its head is small by comparison
2. Relatively little is known about the anaconda it is a secretive animal.
3. Green anacondas feature in many South American myths they sometimes appear as shape shifters or spiritual beings.
4. There is no evidence of an anaconda swallowing a human however, I wouldn’t want to get in the way of one!
5. The green anaconda ambushes its prey it doesn’t chase it.
6. The Waorani are a fearless Amazonian tribe they catch and release anacondas with their bare hands.
7. Humans pose a threat to anacondas the reverse is not true.
8. Anacondas are slow and cumbersome on land they are stealthy and sleek in the water.

overhanging

suffocate

**Challenge 2**

**Complete the following sentences with a second main clause after the semi-colon. This clause should express a complete thought. It should also relate closely to what has been stated in the first main clause.**

1. The jaguar was unaware of the snake’s presence; …
2. The anaconda would not need to eat for at least a month; …
3. The anaconda is my favourite reptile; …
4. I filmed the massive anaconda from the safety of my canoe; …
5. The anaconda had black blotches on its olive skin; …

**Challenge 3**

**Write your own script to accompany the main clip. How will you make it in the style of Sir David Attenborough? How will you build suspense? How will you weave factual information about the anaconda into your script? What emotional response do you want from your audience?**

**Try to include a range of sentence types and punctuation marks that include semi-colons. Try also to use some of the descriptive words from the Word Wall.**

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**Word Wall**

anaconda

muscular body

scout

semi-aquatic

split-second adjustment

piraputanga

submerged

stalked

forked tongue

leapt

silty riverbed