

Semicolons and Colons Usage

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Part A: Semicolons

Use a semicolon (;) to join two closely related independent clauses.

1. Add semicolons in the correct places:

- a) The storm was fierce we decided to stay indoors.
- b) She loves reading mystery novels her brother prefers science fiction.
- c) The museum closes at 5 pm we need to hurry.

2. Combine these sentence pairs using a semicolon:

- a) The concert was sold out. We watched it online instead.

- b) Training starts at dawn. The coach expects everyone to be on time.

Part B: Colons for Lists

Use a colon (:) to introduce a list after a complete sentence.

3. Add colons where needed:

- a) Pack these items for camp a torch, sleeping bag, water bottle, and snacks.
- b) The recipe requires the following ingredients flour, eggs, milk, and butter.
- c) Three cities will host the tournament Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.

Part C: Colons for Explanations

Use a colon to introduce an explanation or clarification.

4. Complete these sentences with an appropriate explanation after the colon:

- a) There was only one solution:

- b) She had one fear: _____

- c) The message was clear:

Part D: Mixed Practice

5. Add either a semicolon or colon in each sentence:

- a) The team won the championship they celebrated all night.
- b) Remember this advice always do your best.
- c) We need three volunteers one for timing, one for scoring, and one for recording.
- d) The weather was perfect we decided to walk to school.