

Using Semicolons and Colons

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Part A: Understanding the Rules

Semicolon (;) joins two closely related independent clauses.

Colon (:) introduces a list, explanation, or example.

Part B: Choose Semicolon or Colon

Write either a semicolon (;) or colon (:) in each space.

1. The weather forecast was clear ____ heavy rain was expected all weekend.
2. Please bring the following items ____ a pencil, ruler, and calculator.
3. The concert was cancelled ____ the lead singer had lost her voice.
4. I have three favourite hobbies ____ reading, swimming, and painting.
5. The team trained hard all season ____ they were ready for the finals.
6. There's only one thing left to do ____ finish your homework.

Part C: Correct the Sentences

Rewrite each sentence with the correct punctuation.

1. The library was closed, we went to the bookshop instead.

2. You will need these ingredients, flour, sugar, eggs, and butter.

3. The message was simple, always do your best.

4. Sarah loves science, her brother prefers history.

Part D: Create Your Own

Write two sentences of your own using the punctuation indicated.

1. Write a sentence using a semicolon:

2. Write a sentence using a colon to introduce a list:
