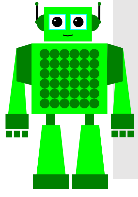


Colons, Semi-Colons and Dashes



Colons can be used to introduce an explanation or items in a list. Semi-colons can be used instead of a conjunction to join two closely connected ideas in a sentence. They can also be used to separate longer phrases or clauses in a list. A single dash can be used to connect two main clauses or to add more information to a previous clause.

1) Insert colons in the correct places in the sentences below.

Josh had three activities after school athletics, swimming and judo.

I've visited four countries Japan, Austria, France and Iceland.

Sophie baked her favourite cakes at the weekend raspberry and white chocolate muffins.

The zoo had lots of animals camels, elephants, lemurs, giraffes, lions and tigers.

2) Insert semi-colons in the correct places in the sentences below.

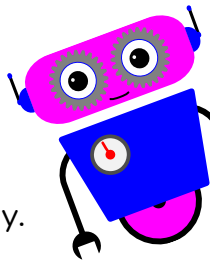
The children were wet and muddy they desperately wanted to go home.

Rafael was tired he had spent the day travelling home from Scotland with his family.

Flora felt extremely excited her relatives were coming to visit from New Zealand.

My team are taking part in a cricket tournament tomorrow I really hope we win.

For your writing task today, you will need: a pencil with a sharp point a sheet of A4 lined paper and a new rubber to correct any mistakes that you make.



3) Insert dashes in the correct places in the sentences below.

The wildlife programme was very interesting I found out a lot of new information.

Ostriches are the largest running flightless birds they can reach speeds of around 70 kilometres per hour.

I love to play the guitar I'm not as good as my sister though.

There is one thing we've forgotten to pack for our camping trip the tent!

4) Write a sentence of your own that uses a colon to introduce a list and semi-colons to separate items within the list.

