

Well done, you've made it to Friday!!

Friday 15th January 2020

L.O: To understand the use of semicolons and colons

- To use a semicolon to join two independent clauses
- To use a colon to join two independent clauses
- To use a colon to introduce a list

First use of a semicolon...

It was dark. Silence enveloped them.

It was dark; silence enveloped them.

Join two closely linked independent clauses.

Second use of a semicolon...

Some children believe in the Tooth Fairy, whereas other children do not.

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In place of a conjunction to join two independent clauses

First use of a colon...

He was soaked through to his skin. The rain was relentless.

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How can we fix it? Think about including semi-colons as well!

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Semi-colons can be used to separate items in a complex list.

The different colours are different items in the lists above.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zr6bxyc/articles/zhntng8>

Have a look at this article for more information!

Have a go at these questions:

Semi-colon = ;

Task 1: Recapping Semicolons

Write the sentence and insert semicolons where they are needed.

- 1) I heard an eerie creak behind me it was clear that I wasn't alone.
- 2) The journey had been long and tiring the four children flung themselves into their beds.
- 3) Without my sister, I'd be lost I quickly hugged her with happiness.
- 4) Johnny said to himself that he wasn't going to cry instead, he gulped back his sadness and pretended to get on with his work.

Have a go at these questions:

Colon = :

Task 2: Using colons to link independent clauses

Write the sentence in your book, inserting a colon in the correct place.

- 1) The two cats stared at each other one of them had crossed into the other's territory.
- 2) It wasn't much of a costume Alison had just cut two holes in an old, white bed sheet.
- 3) This was it my opportunity to become famous!
- 4) Swirling violently through the air, thousands of snowflakes plummeted to the floor, while pedestrians covered under umbrellas it was bitterly cold.

Have a go at these questions:

Semi-colon = ; Colon = :

Task 3: Using colons and semicolons in lists

Write the sentence in your book, inserting a colon to introduce the list and a semicolon to separate the items in it.

- 1) I must fetch the ingredients for my lunch freshly baked, white bread some cheddar cheese and freshly picked, ripe tomatoes.
- 2) The suspects were spoken to at the scene Alan, aged 39 Vincent aged 42 and Bill aged 40.
- 3) Justin was quite energetic he had football practice three times a week he played basketball two times a week and loved going swimming with his family on Saturday and Sunday.
- 4) It is crucial that you take steps to stay calm before a test get a good night's rest try to revise so that you feel more prepared and always eat breakfast so that your brain has energy.

Great job!

Make sure to send your work to your class teacher:

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