Y6 Colons Semicolons Bullets

KS2 Y6 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Add a colon: 'The recipe needs three things flour, eggs and milk.'

Step 1 · Is the part before the list a complete clause?

Yes: 'The recipe needs three things.'

Step 2 · Put the colon where the list begins

...three things: flour, eggs and milk.

Answer: The recipe needs three things: flour, eggs and milk.

Check: Cover the list: the first part still makes sense.

2. Now try one with the steps

Punctuate: 'The cast were Ruby the queen Kofi the king and Lin the jester.'

Step 1 · Find each item

Step 2 · Each item needs a comma inside it

Step 3 · So separate the items with semicolons

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Which punctuation mark introduces a list?

2. Add a colon: 'I packed my favourite snacks crisps, grapes and flapjack.'

3. Is this colon correct? 'My hobbies are: football and chess.'

4. When do you use semicolons in a list?

5. Which mark should end the sentence that introduces a bullet list?

6. If your bullet points are full sentences, what must each one have?

7. Punctuate with semicolons: 'We ate pasta, which was cold, soup, which was salty, and cake.'

8. Make consistent: '• Bring a coat. • a hat • Gloves are useful'

9. Rewrite bullet list: 'Our school offers three clubs, chess, drama and coding.'

10. Which bullet does not fit? 'At camp you will: • sleep in tents • cook on a fire • the lake is cold'

11. Correct the colon: 'The three primary colours are: red, yellow and blue.'

12. Punctuate: 'The prizes went to Seren a poet Max a painter and Aisha a sculptor.'

13. Why is consistency important in a bullet list?

14. How many semicolons are needed in a list of four items that each contain a comma?

4. Before you hand it in

You will need: a pencil and a ruler.
You will need a pencil and a ruler. OR You will need two things: a pencil and a ruler.

Mixing bullet styles: '• Pack early. • snacks • Check The Weather'
• pack early • bring snacks • check the weather

Using semicolons in a simple list: 'I like cats; dogs; and rabbits.'

I like cats, dogs and rabbits.

Forgetting the lead-in colon before bullets.

End the introducing sentence with a colon.