

Colons and Semi- Colons

Aims:

- To improve writing by learning how to use the colon and semi colon.

The Colon

A colon consists of
two dots, one above
the other :

Review

A colon is often used to introduce a list.

For example:

You will need to bring three things to the party: some food, something to drink, and a small gift for the host.

The Semi-Colon

The semi-colon consists of a comma with a dot above it ;

The semi-colon is also used to separate items in a list, when the items are long phrases.

There are lots of characters in the story: Big Bad Wolf, the baddie; Little Red Riding Hood, the heroine; Grandma, the victim; and Mr Woodcutter, the rescuer.

We spoke to the main characters: Grandma, 81; Big Bad Wolf, 30; Little Red Riding Hood, 11; and Mr Woodcutter, 55.

Put semi-colons and commas to
make this list clear.



I packed my bag and in it I put my
toothbrush the one with the splayed bristles
my sponge the real one I was given for my
birthday my comb the black one my teddy
bear I know I shouldn't need him now clean
undies enough for two nights pyjamas the
new ones and a bar of chocolate for
comfort.



Did you punctuate correctly?



I packed my bag and in it I put my toothbrush, the one with the splayed bristles; my sponge, the real one I was given for my birthday; my comb, the black one; my teddy bear, I know I shouldn't need him now; clean undies, enough for two nights; pyjamas, the new ones, and a bar of chocolate for comfort.



Did you punctuate correctly?



Write a range of complex lists using colons and semi-colons.

List your favourite foods.

List your favourite toys.

Make a list of things that you would pack to take on holiday with you.

