



Colons, Semicolons and Dashes

Answers

Part A

Add a **colon** to the following sentences.

1. My school has lots of after-school clubs : football, netball, chess and art.

1 mark

2. I hoped to visit four countries on my world trip : Canada, India, Australia and the USA.

1 mark

Part B

Underline or circle one option to explain why a **semicolon** has been used in each sentence.

1. Always wear suitable clothing for PE: a warm tracksuit, thick socks and waterproof trainers in winter; shorts and a t-shirt in summer; a leotard for dance; and a plain swimsuit, goggles and swimming hat for swimming.

A semicolon has been used:

- to separate items in a list of longer items
- to introduce a list
- to show the end of the sentence
- to connect two sentences that are related.

1 mark

2. I had hoped to visit my aunt at the weekend; I knew it would cheer her up.

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1 mark



Part C

Match two sentences together. Rewrite them, using a **colon** to link them.

- Victorian chimney sweeps suffered dreadfully.
- There were brambles everywhere.
- I know how I managed to rip my new coat in the woods.
- They bring her out in a rash.
- Their masters often forced them up hot chimneys.
- My friend can't eat strawberries.

1. *Victorian chimney sweeps suffered dreadfully: their masters often forced them up hot chimneys.*

2 marks
(1 for the correct pair, 1 for correct use of colon,
replacing full stop and followed by a lower-case letter)

2. *I know how I ripped my new coat in the woods: there were brambles everywhere.*

2 marks
(1 for the correct pair, 1 for correct use of colon,
replacing full stop and followed by a lower-case letter)

3. *My friend can't eat strawberries: they bring her out in a rash.*

2 marks
(1 for the correct pair, 1 for correct use of colon,
replacing full stop and followed by a lower-case letter)

Total: 10 marks

