



ANSWERS

- 1 What is the name of the **punctuation mark** used between the two main clauses below?

Yesterday, it was raining; today, it is sunny.

Semi-colon.

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1 mark

Also accept plausible misspellings

- 2 What is the name of the **punctuation mark** used between the two main clauses below?

Jack is feeling excited: it is his birthday in the morning.

Colon.

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1 mark

Also accept plausible misspellings

- 3 Which sentence uses a **colon** correctly? Tick **one**.

- ☐ The beach: was really busy it was a sunny day.
- ☐ The beach was really busy it was: a sunny day.
- ☒ The beach was really busy: it was a sunny day.
- ☐ The beach was really: busy it was a sunny day.

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1 mark

- 4 Which sentence uses a **semi-colon** correctly? Tick **one**.

- ☒ We have been friends for years; we all went to the same school.
- ☐ We have been friends; for years we all went to the same school.
- ☐ We have been; friends for years we all went to the same school.
- ☐ We have been friends for years we all went; to the same school.

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5 Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Sarah wants to go to Scotland; Daniel would rather go to Wales.

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6 Tick **one** box to show where **a colon** is needed in the sentence below.

Grace needed to buy a few things from the shop teabags milk and bread.

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7 Insert **one colon** and **two semi-colons** in the correct places in the passage below.

To make banana bread you need to make sure you use the following ingredients: three bananas, preferably overripe; brown sugar for a sweeter taste; a splash of milk and unsalted butter.

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8 Which **punctuation mark** should be used in the place indicated by the arrow?

The United Kingdom is made up of four different countries England,
Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Tick **one**.

☐ hyphen

☒ colon

☐ comma

☐ full stop

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1 mark



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Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Molly will be selling cakes at school next week: she is raising money for charity.

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1 mark

10

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

☐ There are many after-school sport activities available, football, tennis, cricket and netball.

☐ There are many after-school sport activities available: football: tennis: cricket and netball.

☐ There are many after-school sport activities available. football, tennis cricket and netball.

☒ There are many after-school sports activities available: football, tennis, cricket and netball.

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Tick **one** box to show where a **semi-colon** is needed in the sentence.

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Sam enjoyed the Harry Potter books very much he doesn't want to see the films.

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12

Which sentence uses a **colon** correctly?

Tick **one**.

☐ The bread from the bakery: is delicious it is freshly baked daily.

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☒ The bread from the bakery is delicious: it is freshly baked daily.

☐ The bread: from the bakery is delicious it is freshly baked daily.

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1 mark



- 13 Which **punctuation mark** should be used in the place indicated by the arrow?
- Lily went to the local swimming pool when she arrived, it was closed.
- Tick **one**.

- ☒ semi-colon
- ☐ dash
- ☐ comma
- ☐ full stop

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1 mark

- 14 Insert **one colon** and **two semi-colons** in the correct places in the passage below.

In the restaurant last night, Ella ordered a huge meal: a large pepperoni pizza with extra cheese; a small portion of chips; half a pint of lemonade and ice cream for dessert.

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- 15 Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

We are going on holiday next week; I should really start packing the cases.

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- 16 Tick **one** box to show where a **colon** is needed in the sentence.

☐ Kara had learned some new moves in gymnastics she could complete a forward somersault and an aerial cartwheel.

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17

Which sentence is punctuated correctly? Tick **one**.

- ☐ To repair his bike, Will needs to buy a few new parts brakes: a new chain and a seat cover.
- ☒ To repair his bike, Will needs to buy a few new parts: brakes, a new chain and a seat cover.
- ☐ To repair: his bike, Will needs to buy a few new parts brakes, a new chain and a seat cover.
- ☐ To repair his bike: Will needs to buy a few new parts, brakes, a new chain and a seat cover.

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18

Which sentence uses a **semi-colon** correctly? Tick **one**.

- ☐ The hotel we stayed in was lovely we have booked it again; for our holiday next year.
- ☐ The hotel we stayed in was lovely we have booked it again for our holiday; next year.
- ☒ The hotel we stayed in was lovely; we have booked it again for our holiday next year.
- ☐ The hotel we stayed in; was lovely we have booked it again for our holiday next year.

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Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

My mum enjoys baking cakes; my dad only enjoys eating them.

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Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Rosie was terrified: she couldn't understand where the strange noise was coming from.

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**Total
marks**

