

Colons and semi-colons

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

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



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

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1 mark

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

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The beach: was really busy it was a sunny day.

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

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.

1 mark





9	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.	L 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.	1 mark
	There are many after-school sports activities available: football, tennis, cricket and netball.	
11	Tick one box to show where a semi-colon is needed in the sentence. Sam enjoyed the Harry Potter books very much he doesn't want to see the films.	1 mark
12	Which sentence uses a colon correctly? Tick one .	
	 The bread from the bakery: is delicious it is freshly baked daily. The bread from the bakery is delicious it is freshly: baked daily. The bread from the bakery is delicious: it is freshly baked daily. The bread: from the bakery is delicious it is freshly baked daily. 	1 mark



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**.

passage below.

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semi-colon dash comma full stop

1 mark

Insert **one colon** and **two semi-colons** in the correct places in the

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.

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.

1 mark

1 mark

1 mark

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

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



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. 	l mark
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. 	1 mark
19	Insert a semi-colon in the correct place in the sentence below. My mum enjoys baking cakes my dad only enjoys eating them.	l mark
20	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.	1 mark



Total marks