

Semicolons and Colons Worksheet

Intermediate B1–B2 · Side A

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Exercise A · Add a semicolon or colon (Q1–5)

Insert ';' or ':' in the correct place.

1. She was exhausted she hadn't slept in two days.
→ _____
2. He needed three things a pen, a notebook, and some confidence.
→ _____
3. The results were clear the experiment had failed.
→ _____
4. I love summer it means long evenings and warm weather.
→ _____
5. Please bring the following items water, sunscreen, and a hat.
→ _____

Exercise B · True or False (Q6–10)

Write T (true) or F (false).

6. A semicolon joins two independent clauses that are closely related.
Answer: _____
7. A colon introduces a list, explanation, or quotation.
Answer: _____
8. A semicolon can replace a full stop (period).
Answer: _____
9. A colon must always be followed by a capital letter.
Answer: _____
10. 'She likes cats; and dogs' is a correct use of a semicolon.
Answer: _____

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Exercise C · Correct the punctuation (Q11–14)

Add the missing semicolon or colon.

11. There are three rules be honest, be kind, be brave.

→ _____

12. She didn't enjoy the trip the weather was terrible.

→ _____

13. He had one goal to win the championship.

→ _____

14. The solution was simple eat less sugar.

→ _____

Exercise D · Multiple choice (Q15–17)

Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.

15. ____

(a) I love rain: it makes the garden grow. (b) I love rain; it makes the garden grow. (c) I love rain, it makes the garden grow.

16. ____

(a) She had two choices; stay or leave. (b) She had two choices: stay or leave. (c) She had two choices, stay or leave.

17. ____

(a) He studied hard; therefore he passed. (b) He studied hard: therefore he passed. (c) He studied hard, therefore he passed.

Exercise E · Write your own sentences (Q18–20)

Use a semicolon and a colon correctly.

18. A sentence with a semicolon → ____

→ _____

19. A sentence with a colon introducing a list → ____

→ _____

20. A sentence with a colon introducing an explanation → ____

→ _____

Answer Sheet — Semicolons and Colons Worksheet

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Q1–5

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Exercise B — True or False

Q6–10

6. T
7. T
8. T
9. F
10. F

Exercise C — Correct the punctuation

Q11–14

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Exercise D — Multiple choice

Q15–17

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Exercise E — Write your own sentences

Q18–20

18. (own answer)
19. (own answer)
20. (own answer)

Total: 20 points · Side A: Q1–10 · Side B: Q11–20