

Colons and Semicolons

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A **colon** introduces a list or an explanation. A **semicolon** joins two complete sentences that belong together. Add the right mark.

1. We need three things a tent a stove and rope.

2. The reason was simple nobody had checked the tide.

3. Bring the following boots gloves and a hat.

4. She had one rule at the table no phones.

5. The train was late again this was the third time this week.

6. He had two choices stay and finish or leave and explain.

7. Pack for three days boots a jacket and food.

8. The answer was obvious the door had never been locked.

9. We tried twice it did not work either time.

10. There is only one rule up here leave no rubbish.

11. The forecast said rain we went anyway.

Colons and Semicolons — Answer Key

1. ...three things: a tent, a stove and rope.
2. The reason was simple: nobody had checked the tide.
3. Bring the following: boots, gloves and a hat.
4. She had one rule at the table: no phones.
5. The train was late again; this was the third time this week.
6. He had two choices: stay and finish, or leave and explain.
7. Pack for three days: boots, a jacket and food.
8. The answer was obvious: the door had never been locked.
9. We tried twice; it did not work either time.
10. There is only one rule up here: leave no rubbish.
11. The forecast said rain; we went anyway.