

# Colon (:)

When do you use them?

You can use a **colon** to **introduce a list**.

“You need to show your tutor the following things each morning: your planner, your pen, your pencil, your ruler and your SPaG book.”

# Semicolon (;)

When do you use them?

You can use a **semicolon** to **join two full sentences together which are closely related.**

The street emptied; the sheriff walked into town.

They were late for school; the bus had broken down.

## Task: Can you show you can use colons and semicolons correctly?

**A** Add in a colon in the sentences below:

1. He wanted to see three cities in Italy: Rome, Florence and Venice.
2. I bought a lot of fruit at the shop: apples, bananas, pineapples and grapes.
3. The three biggest counties in England are : Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Devon.

**B** Add in a semicolon in the sentences below:

1. It was a cold day; I had to wear a warm coat.
2. I liked the book; it was a pleasure to read.
3. Dad is going bald; his hair is getting thinner and thinner