

# Homework/Extension

## Step 2: Using Colons and Semi-colons in a List

### National Curriculum Objectives:

- English Year 6: (6G5.10) [Using a colon to introduce a list](#)  
English Year 6: (6G5.10) [Use of the colon to introduce a list](#)  
English Year 6: (6G5.11) [Use of semi-colons within lists](#)  
Terminology for pupils:  
• English Year 6: (6G5.10) [colon](#)  
• English Year 6: (6G5.11) [semi-colon](#)

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Varied Fluency)

**Developing** Identify a colon or semi-colon used incorrectly to separate a list where the listed items will use commas for clarification. The number of semi-colons needed are indicated.

**Expected** Identify the colon or semi-colons used incorrectly to separate a list where the listed items will use commas for clarification.

**Greater Depth** Identify the colon or semi-colons used incorrectly to separate a list where the listed items will use commas for further lists or clarification and may use other punctuation to add parenthesis.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

**Developing** Insert a colon or semi-colon in a sentence to separate a list where the listed items will use commas for clarification. The number of semi-colons needed are indicated.

**Expected** Insert a colon or semi-colons in a sentence to separate a list where the listed items will use commas for clarification.

**Greater Depth** Insert a colon, semi-colons or commas in a sentence to separate a list where the listed items will use commas for further lists or clarification and may use other punctuation to add parenthesis.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application and Reasoning)

**Developing** Prove whether a sentence (where the listed items use commas for clarification) requires the indicated number of semi-colons to make it correct.

**Expected** Prove whether a sentence (where the listed items use commas for clarification) requires the indicated number of colons, semi-colons and commas to make it correct.

**Greater Depth** Prove whether a sentence (where the listed items use commas for further lists or clarification and may use other punctuation to add parenthesis) requires the indicated number of colons, semi-colons and commas to make it correct.

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1. Identify one colon or semi-colon, labelled below, which has been used incorrectly.

The following dogs are through to the next round: Poppy, the terrier;

A

B

Toby, the spaniel and; Cooper, the poodle.

C



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2. Insert one missing colon or semi-colon to make the sentences below correct.

A. This summer, I visited the following cities: Paris, France Berlin, Germany; and Madrid, Spain.

B. I'm going on holiday with the following family members Laura, my sister; Pete, my brother; and Tara, my cousin.



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3. Lenny thinks that the writing below will need to include 1 colon and 3 semi-colons.

We were asked to find the following people Mr Jones, the caretaker  
Mrs Morris, the cook and Mrs Peters, the art teacher.

Is he correct? Prove it.



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4. Identify the colon or semi-colons, labelled below, which have been used incorrectly.

Before I go on the school trip, I still need to pack the following items a:

A

coat, preferably waterproof; shoes, two pairs; socks, the thick ones and;

B

C

D

toothpaste, the stripy one.



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5. Insert the missing colon or semi-colons to make the sentences below correct.

A. This year, I'm hoping to visit the following places St Ives, Cornwall; Weymouth, Dorset Blackpool, Lancashire; and Wells-next-to-the-Sea, Norfolk.

B. The winners of the competition are as follows: Nigella Doon, age 12 Pedro Kinsella, age 9; Lottie Munroe, age 11 and Freddie Goodman, age 10.



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6. Tabitha thinks that the writing below will need to include 1 colon, 3 semi-colons and 4 commas.

The team will consist of the following members Polly Smith head coach Mal Williams assistant coach Hattie Neil captain and Simone Glover vice-captain.

Is she correct? Prove it.



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7. Identify the colon, semi-colons or commas, labelled below, which have been used incorrectly.

During our visit to the farm, we saw the following: things fields full of

A

potatoes, carrots and wheat; (ready to be harvested) stables full, of horses

B

C

ponies and donkeys; and a fun selection of tractors and trailers.

D



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8. Insert the missing colon, semi-colons or commas to make the sentences below correct.

A. Before the class begins, we need to collect the following items red, green yellow and blue paint a selection of A4 A5 and A1 paper (white and black); and plenty of paintbrushes of different thicknesses.

B. The restaurant serves the following food and drink margherita pepperoni and vegetarian pizza; fizzy pop fruit juices, water (sparkling or still) and hot beverages and a selection of locally produced cheese.



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9. Monty thinks that the writing below will need to include 1 colon, 3 semi-colons and 3 commas.

There's now 20% off the following items blue red and yellow hoodies trainers boots and sandals (in sizes 1 to 12) and all skinny and straight-leg jeans.

Is he correct? Prove it.



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### Developing

1. **C**

2. A. This summer, I visited the following cities: Paris, France; Berlin, Germany; and Madrid, Spain.

B. I'm going on holiday with the following family members: Laura, my sister; Pete, my brother; and Tara, my cousin.

3. **Lenny is incorrect. The writing needs 1 colon and 2 semi-colons as follows:**

**We were asked to find the following people: Mr Jones, the caretaker; Mrs Morris, the cook; and Mrs Peters, the art teacher.**

### Expected

4. **A and D**

5. A. This year, I'm hoping to visit the following places: St Ives, Cornwall; Weymouth, Dorset; Blackpool, Lancashire; and Wells-next-to-the-Sea, Norfolk.

B. The winners of the competition are as follows: Nigella Doon, age 12; Pedro Kinsella, age 9; Lottie Munroe, age 11; and Freddie Goodman, age 10.

6. **Tabitha is correct as the writing should be punctuated as follows:**

**The team will consist of the following members: Polly Smith, head coach; Mal Williams, assistant coach; Hattie Neil, captain; and Simone Glover, vice-captain.**

### Greater Depth

7. **A, B and C**

8. A. Before the class begins, we need to collect the following items: red, green, yellow and blue paint; a selection of A4, A5 and A1 paper (white and black); and plenty of paintbrushes of different thicknesses.

B. The restaurant serves the following food and drink: margherita, pepperoni and vegetarian pizza; fizzy pop, fruit juices, water (sparkling or still) and hot beverages; and a selection of locally produced cheese.

9. **Monty is incorrect. The writing needs 1 colon, 2 semi-colons and 2 commas e.g.**

**There's now 20% off the following items: blue, red and yellow hoodies; trainers, boots and sandals (in sizes 1 to 12); and all skinny and straight-leg jeans.**