

# Application and Reasoning

## Step 2: 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 (Application)

**Developing** Rewrite a sentence using colons and semi-colons in a list where the listed items will use commas for clarification. Number of items in the list are indicated.

**Expected** Rewrite a sentence using colons and semi-colons in a list where the listed items use commas for clarification.

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

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

**Developing** Use given items (including adjectives and a comma) to write a list using colons and semi-colons where the listed items use commas for clarification. Number of items in the list are indicated.

**Expected** Use given items to write a list using colons and semi-colons where the listed items use commas for clarification. No adjectives provided.

**Greater Depth** Use given items to write a list using colons and semi-colons where the listed items use commas for further lists or clarification and may use other punctuation to add parenthesis. No adjectives provided.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Find and correct mistakes in a list using colons and semi-colons where the listed items use commas for clarification. Number of items in the list are indicated.

**Expected** Find and correct mistakes in a list using colons and semi-colons where the listed items use commas for clarification.

**Greater Depth** Find and correct mistakes in a list using colons and semi-colons where the listed items may use commas for further lists or clarification and may use other punctuation to add parenthesis.

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1a. Rewrite the following sentence adding one colon and 2 semi-colons accurately.

We have three specials on the menu today fish, chips and mushy peas beef, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding and quiche, chips and salad.



A

1b. Rewrite the following sentence adding one colon and 2 semi-colons accurately.

I have the following items in my pencil case a clear, 30cm ruler red, blue and yellow highlighters and a pair of right-handed scissors.



A

2a. Use the items below to write a list that includes one colon and two semi-colons.

fresh, crispy  
lettuce

ripe, juicy  
tomatoes

large, sliced  
cucumber



A

2b. Use the items below to write a list that includes one colon and two semi-colons.

soft, fluffy  
teddy

colourful  
picture book

squeaky,  
plastic toy



A

3a. Spot and correct any punctuation mistakes in this list. There are three items in the list.

To make a pie, you will need the following items; a large, ovenproof dish: rolled, shortcrust pastry: and 300g of chopped carrots.

Explain the changes that you have made.



R

3b. Spot and correct any punctuation mistakes in this list. There are three items in the list.

Today, I need to do the following jobs: mow the long, weedy grass, cut the thorny, overgrown hedge, and sweep the leaves off the patio.

Explain the changes that you have made.



R

4a. Rewrite the following sentence adding colons and semi-colons accurately.

Penguins eat the following things small, shrimp-like krill fresh, saltwater squid hard-shelled, sharp-clawed crustaceans and lots of fresh salt water to drink.



A

4b. Rewrite the following sentence adding colons and semi-colons accurately.

When we visited the zoo last week, we saw the following animals a rare, white tiger a scaly, green lizard several squawking, brightly-coloured parrots and a baby elephant.



A

5a. Use the items below to write a list that includes colons, semi-colons and commas. You will need to add adjectives to each item.

swimwear

goggles

towel

shampoo



A

5b. Use the items below to write a list that includes colons, semi-colons and commas. You will need to add adjectives to each item.

card

scissors

glue

glitter



A

6a. Spot and correct any punctuation mistakes in this sentence.

On the journey, we will see the following things: interesting, historical buildings: large, colourful gardens: narrow, winding country lanes: and a delightful café or two.

Explain the changes that you have made.



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6b. Spot and correct any punctuation mistakes in this sentence.

In the pet shop, there were lots of animals for sale; adorable, lop-eared rabbits: small, colourful, tropical fish; soft, long-haired guinea pigs and lots of exotic birds.

Explain the changes that you have made.



R

7a. Rewrite the following sentence adding colons, semi-colons and commas accurately.

In the garage, there are the following items red blue and gold coloured bicycles (one for everyone in the family) an old fridge dishwasher and chest freezer (all broken) and a selection of gardening tools.



A

7b. Rewrite the following sentence adding colons, semi-colons and commas accurately.

Up in the loft, we keep the following things boxes full of photographs school books and drawings we did as children bags full of decorations (for Christmas) clothes and curtains and an old, broken lamp.



A

8a. Add more information and adjectives to the food groups below to write a list that includes colons, semi-colons, commas and brackets for parenthesis.

fruit

crisps

yoghurts

drinks



A

8b. Add more information and adjectives to the food groups below to write a list that includes colons, semi-colons, commas and brackets for parenthesis.

rolls

cakes

cheeses

dips



A

9a. Spot and correct any punctuation mistakes in this sentence.

For a successful day at the beach, you need to take the following things a parasol tent or windbreak (to protect you from the weather) a ball frisbee or kite (to keep you entertained) and a soft warm towel to dry you off after a dip in the sea.

Explain the changes that you have made.



R

9b. Spot and correct any punctuation mistakes in this sentence.

During the holidays, I like to do the following things watch films cartoons and boxsets eat cakes sweets and chocolate (maybe the occasional piece of fruit) and take the dogs for long walks on the beach.

Explain the changes that you have made.



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### Colons and Semi-colons in a List

#### Developing

1a. We have three specials on the menu today: fish, chips and mushy peas; beef, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding; and quiche, chips and salad.

2a. Various answers, for example:

I found the following items in the refrigerator: fresh, crispy lettuce; ripe, juicy tomatoes; and a large, sliced cucumber.

3a. The sentence needs a colon to introduce the list and semi-colons after each item.

e.g. To make a pie, you will need the following items: a large, ovenproof dish; rolled, shortcrust pastry; and 300g of chopped carrots.

#### Expected

4a. Penguins eat the following things: small, shrimp-like krill; fresh, saltwater squid; hard-shelled, sharp-clawed crustaceans; and lots of fresh salt water to drink.

5a. Various answers, for example:

When I go swimming, I check that the following items are in my bag: clean, dry swimwear; protective, plastic goggles; a fresh, clean towel; and sweet smelling, 2-in-1 shampoo.

6a. The sentence needs a colon to introduce the list and semi-colons after each item. e.g. On the journey, we will see the following things: interesting, historical buildings; large, colourful gardens; narrow, winding country lanes; and a delightful café or two.

#### Greater Depth

7a. In the garage, there are the following items: red, blue and gold coloured bicycles (one for everyone in the family); an old fridge, dishwasher and chest freezer (all broken); and a selection of gardening tools.

8a. Various answers, for example:

For lunch, you can choose from the following selection: an apple, banana, or orange (peeled and chopped); plain, cheese or chicken flavoured crisps (low salt); strawberry, raspberry or honey flavoured yoghurt; and a carton of apple or orange juice.

9a. The sentence needs a colon to introduce the list, semi-colons after each item and commas.

e.g. For a successful day at the beach, you need to take the following things: a parasol, tent or windbreak (to protect you from the weather); a ball, frisbee or kite (to keep you entertained); and a soft, warm towel to dry you off after a dip in the sea.

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#### Developing

1b. I have the following items in my pencil case: a clear, 30cm ruler; red, blue and yellow highlighters; and a pair of right-handed scissors.

2b. Various answers, for example:

We bought the following items from the shop: a soft, fluffy teddy; a colourful picture book; and a squeaky, plastic toy.

3b. The sentence needs semi-colons after each item e.g. Today, I need to do the following jobs: mow the long, weedy grass; cut the thorny, overgrown hedge; and sweep the leaves off the patio.

#### Expected

4b. When we visited the zoo last week, we saw the following animals: a rare, white tiger; a scaly, green lizard; several squawking, brightly-coloured parrots; and a baby elephant.

5b. Various answers, for example:

To make the decoration, you will need the following items: thick, white card; small, left or right-handed scissors; strong PVA glue; and glitter of your choice.

6b. The sentence needs a colon to introduce the list and semi-colons after each item. e.g. In the pet shop, there were lots of animals for sale: adorable, lop-eared rabbits; small, colourful, tropical fish; soft, long-haired guinea pigs; and lots of exotic birds.

#### Greater Depth

7b. Up in the loft, we keep the following things: boxes full of photographs, school books and drawings we did as children; bags full of decorations (for Christmas), clothes and curtains; and an old, broken lamp.

8b. Various answers, for example:

The café serves the following items: ham, cheese or egg rolls (gluten free options available); soft, hard and blue cheeses; chunky salsa, creamy garlic or melted cheese dips; and a delightful selection of home-made cakes.

9b. The sentence needs a colon to introduce the list, semi-colons after each item and commas.

e.g. During the holidays, I like to do the following things: watch films, cartoons and boxsets; eat cakes, sweets and chocolate (maybe the occasional piece of fruit); and take the dogs for long walks on the beach.