

Colons



A colon (:) is a punctuation mark.

A colon can be used to introduce a list or to give a reason/explanation for the idea in the previous clause.

I need to buy additional ingredients for the recipe at the shop: flour, sugar, cocoa powder, chocolate chips and vanilla essence.

Take care when you are outside today: there is a storm warning for this afternoon.

Task 1

Punctuate these sentences. Use a colon.

There are also additional punctuation marks missing!

- a. I take part in many activities each weekend piano lessons football practice arts and craft and dance class

- b. Dogs are my favourite animals they are very loyal

- c. I keep a raincoat in the car boot you never know when the heavens might open!

- d. I am best friends with my next door neighbour we grew up together

- e. I plan to persevere with this task I am a very determined person



- f. Every Sunday evening I check my pencil case to make sure I have everything pencils a rubber a small ruler a sharpener and colouring pencils

- g. I am unsure about how to complete the homework I was absent from school for three days last week

- h. I bought a bunch of flowers for my mum that included all her favourites sunflowers roses daisies and tulips

- i. In Northern Ireland a Barn Owl's diet will consist mainly of the following mice shrews and young rats

- j. In our house for Christmas dinner we serve roast potatoes turkey stuffing ham roast vegetables pigs in blankets and Brussels sprouts

Task 2

Write two sentences of your own that include a colon.
