

A colon is 2 dots on top of each other like ':'. They often follow after an explanation, before a list and to introduce a quote, and they add extra information to what has already been said. For example: 'Einstein once said: *Imagination is more important than knowledge.*' would be a colon before a quote. The correct use of a colon in a list would be, 'There are so many things to buy: soccer balls, hockey goals, shin pads and rugby balls!' The person saying this sentence states that there are a lot of things to buy and adds extra information by listing some of the things. An incorrect use for this would be, 'In the shop, there is: soccer balls, hockey goals, shin pads and rugby balls.' This is incorrect, because you haven't yet stated that there are a lot of things in the shop. Another way of using colons is in a letter to someone, or an email, etc. An example for this would be, 'Dear Grandma: Thank you for the cookies - they were very nice.'



Activity

Put the colons in the following sentences in the correct place:

- 1- I really like: juice, cucumber, sausages, and cake
- 2- There is a very famous quote: from Harry Potter "Better be Gryffindor!"
- 3- I love: chocolate, cake, and whipped cream!
- 4- Dear John How are: you?
- 5- There are many ways to get: arrested shoplifting, arson, and assault (to name a few).