

COLONS / SEMICOLONS PRACTICE



READ EACH SENTENCE. BE PREPARED TO DEFEND THE ANSWER YOU CHOOSE.

1. Joe searched for his car keys in the garage, living room, and laundry room.

What does this sentence need?

- a. A semicolon after the
- b. A colon after in
- c. A semicolon after keys
- d. There is no punctuation needed.

2. Ms. Hunter won several items for her classroom at the faculty party whiteboard markers, books, and a pencil sharpener.

What does this sentence need?

- a. A semicolon after party
- b. A colon after party
- c. A colon after faculty
- d. A semicolon after the

3. Sally left before the rest of us she had to finish her essay that was due the next day.

What does this sentence need?

- a. A colon after us
- b. A semicolon after us
- c. A colon after of
- d. A semicolon after she

4. The tour group visited several places Paris, France, London, England, Rome, Italy, and Athens, Greece.

What does this sentence need?

- a. A semicolon after places
- b. A semicolon after several
- c. A colon after places
- d. A colon after places and a semicolon after France, England, and Italy.

5. Alan painted the fence, washed the windows on the house, and planted several trees, and his neighbor, Deborah, mowed the lawn, planted flowers, and washed her car.

What does this sentence need?

- a. A colon after trees
- b. A colon after neighbor
- c. A semicolon after trees
- d. A semicolon after Deborah

6. Colin's history project is amazing he definitely deserves to win first place.

What does this sentence need?

- a. A colon after amazing
- b. A semicolon after amazing
- c. A colon after he
- d. A colon after project

7. The candidate finished her speech with a final comment “If I am elected, I will do everything I can to make my promises come true.”

What does this sentence need?

- a. A semicolon after speech.
- b. A semicolon after comment
- c. A colon after comment
- d. A semicolon after her

8. My uncle drinks soda my aunt prefers water.

What does this sentence need?

- a. A colon after soda
- b. A colon after aunt
- c. A semicolon after aunt
- d. A semicolon after soda.

YOUR TURN!

1. Create a sentence using one of the semicolons/colons rules. Just write this in your journal.
2. Share your sentence your group.
3. Decide who has the best sentence and send a scribe to write it on the board.
4. The group with the best sentence wins extra credit!!!