

Using a colon correctly



A colon is used to introduce a list, evidence for the point you have made or extra information.

Here are some examples:

Sally has a strange phobia: the fear of balloons.

There are three teachers on the course: Mr Williams, Mrs Sharpope and Miss Fulner.

The colon should go after what could be a complete sentence. Therefore, this is wrong:

I like many desserts, such as: jelly, ice cream and cake.

There does not need to be a capital letter after a colon (unless the word is a proper noun, such as a name of a person).

In your books, connect the first part of the sentence with the list or extra information that follows with a colon.

Sentence	Extra information
There are two states of America that start with the letter 'k'.	Fish fingers and custard.
The eleventh doctor is known for eating a strange snack.	John Arnold, Harry Cooper, Mary Goodwin, Mitchell Smith and Lucy Wellings
The follow students are going on a field trip.	Kansas and Kentucky
Southampton is famous for only one thing.	He forgot
There was a simple reason why he didn't turn up.	The Titanic

Write three of your own examples.