

Year 6 Using Colons and Semi-Colons in a List – Guidance for Parents

Activity:

The aim of this activity is for children to practise using colons and semi-colons. There are three questions to complete. The first two questions allow children to practise the skill, while the third question extends them as they have to apply their learning to get the answer.

Vocabulary:

A **colon (:)** is used to introduce a list or to separate two clauses where the second clause following the colon explains or gives examples illustrating the first.

A **semi-colon (;)** is used to separate a list when commas are used as part of the objects in the list. A semi-colon can also be used to join two independent clauses which are closely linked or related.

A **clause** contains a subject and a verb. For example: The child ran. 'The child' is the subject and 'ran' is the verb.

Supporting resources:

You can watch the answer explanation video which takes children through this activity and ways to answer it on <https://www.youtube.com/user/ClassroomSecretsLtd/playlists> >> **Year 6 Playlist >> Using Colons and Semi-Colons in a List Answer Explanation.**

Other resources:

If your child enjoyed this activity and wants to try more activities linked to this learning, you can sign up for £4.83 per month on [classroomsecrets.co.uk/membership](https://www.classroomsecrets.co.uk/membership).

Check out our daily timetable for Year 6 home learning activities on [kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk](https://www.kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk) >> Home Learning Timetable.

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1. A and D

2. A. This year, I'm hoping to visit the following places: St Ives, Cornwall; Weymouth, Dorset; Blackpool, Lancashire; and Wells-next-to-the-Sea, Norfolk.

B. The winners of the competition are as follows: Nigella Doon, age 12; Pedro Kinsella, age 9; Lottie Munroe, age 11; and Freddie Goodman, age 10.

3. Tabitha is correct as the writing should be punctuated as follows:

The team will consist of the following members: Polly Smith, head coach; Mal Williams, assistant coach; Hattie Neil, captain; and Simone Glover, vice-captain.