

Complete these activities on colons.

Use the word bank to complete the sentences.

COLONS (:)

A **colon** is a punctuation mark used to join _____ of a sentence.

The colon indicates that the information _____ is _____ of what _____ it.

Example: The situation is clear: if you fail to study sufficiently, you will not pass the final examination.

_____ are also used to _____ lists.

Example: Items stolen from my purse included: two credit cards, a driver's license, a library card, three video cards and cash.

_____ are also used to _____.

Example: My favourite line from *Romeo and Juliet*: 'they have made worms' meat of me'.

Grammatically speaking, it creates a pause shorter than a full stop but longer than a comma.

Word Bank:

Colons an explanation or elaboration precedes Colons two parts
that follows introduce introduce a quotation or definition

Insert colons into the following sentences:

Colons Activity

Insert colons into the following sentences to make them grammatically correct.

1. It's not safe out there three murderers, four terrorists and a score of petty criminals are on the loose.
2. The doctor had no choice the leg had to come off.
3. It's simple you stay or you go.
4. Who said 'Out damned spot! Out I say'?
5. Harry was most pleased with his purchases new shoes, jeans, a T-shirt and a cap.
6. By Friday, Ross was thrilled with his efforts he's arrived early to work every day.
7. Halitosis the proper word for bad breath.

