

## COLONS ':' TO INTRODUCE A LIST

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### Read the sentences and circle the colon

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- 3) At lunch, there were lots of different things in the salad: tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce and beetroot.
- 4) There are seven continents in the world: Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, South America, Antartica and Australia.
- 5) I put a few things into my bag: my new, shiny phone; expensive, cool sunglasses; and small, black purse.
- 6) For school, I need several items: a blue, ballpoint pen; a long charcoal pencil; and a new, metal ruler.
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- A colon gives emphasis to any list that follows the colon

Complete the sentence and then use a colon to introduce a list  
(make 4 sentences with a simple list and 4 with a complicated list)

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