

Fast Five

Replace the underlined adjectives with **one** powerful adjective to improve these expanded noun phrases:

- An old, rusty table
- The nice, small kitten
- A big, strong lion
- The cool, brown guitar

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There are many possible answers. Here are some examples:

- An ancient/antique table
- The adorable/pocket-sized kitten
- A ferocious/mighty/powerful lion
- The marvellous/sweet-sounding guitar

Can I use a variety of punctuation to break up sentences?

Today, we will focus on the following punctuation:

- full stops
- colons
- semicolons

Full Stops

We use a full stop when we have come to the end of a sentence and want to move onto another idea. We can also continue to explain a previous idea in a new sentence.

Unless our next point is directly linked to what we have just said, we should use a full stop.

Full Stops Examples

I enjoy learning about punctuation in English. Today, we are learning about full stops, colons and semicolons.

The weather has been beautiful recently. Although I cannot go to the park, I have enjoyed sitting in my garden.

The ferocious lion carefully stalked its prey. Across the field, the unsuspecting deer was grazing.

Colons- description:detail

We use a colon when our next sentence is explaining the idea we just wrote about. A good shortcut to remembering how to use colons is the 'de:de' model. The first 'de' is our 'description'. The second is our 'detail'. In many cases, we can think of a colon as doing the job of 'because'.

The ferocious lion was hungry: she had not eaten in weeks.

Colons Examples

The ferocious lion was hungry: she had not eaten in weeks.

I am having a wonderful day: the sun is shining through my window.

Mr Beerjeraz wants a new car: he has had his current vehicle for far too long.

In each of these examples, the second part of the sentence explains or gives detail about the first part. That is why we used a colon.

Semicolons- some;others

We use a semicolon to show a connection between two sentences. When used in this way, a semicolon only connects main clauses (where there is a subject and a verb).

A good way to remember how to use semicolons is the 'some;others' model. Often, we can think of a semicolon as doing the job of 'but' or 'and'.

Some people love apples; others prefer oranges.

Semicolons Examples

Some people love apples; others prefer oranges.

Harry Potter uses his magic for good; Voldemort uses dark magic.

The lion was hungry; she could not find any food.

Mr Beerjeraz wants a BMW; he does not have enough money.

Depending on how confident you feel, choose one of the following tasks:

Red

Red

Add the missing full stop and capital letters to the sentences below:

- 1) I watched too much television yesterday if the weather remains good, I will go for a run later today.
- 2) Tom could not believe his eyes: the creature had ten arms and five eyes as fast as lightning, he ran for cover.
- 3) In terms of land area, Russia is the biggest country in the world while China is the third largest country, it is only around half the size of Russia.

Add the missing colons to the sentences below:

- 1) Exercise is an important part of a healthy lifestyle it improves the health of your heart and lungs.
- 2) The lioness was starving she had not led a successful hunt in weeks.
- 3) Harry was delighted when he got home he had just begun his summer holidays.

Add the missing semicolons to the sentences below:

- 1) Some people love the blazing heat of summer others prefer the chilling breezes of winter.
- 2) The children loved showing off their funny dance moves the adults were not so enthusiastic.
- 3) Scientists believe there could be life in another galaxy it would take millions of years to actually travel there.

Yellow

Yellow

Add the missing punctuation to the sentences below. The first 3 sentences have identified where the punctuation needs to go.

- 1) I watched too much television yesterday___if the weather remains good, I will go for a run later today.
- 2) Tom could not believe his eyes: the creature had ten arms and five eyes___as fast as lightning, he ran for cover.
- 3) Exercise is an important part of a healthy lifestyle___it improves the health of your heart and lungs.
- 4) Some people love the blazing heat of summer others prefer the chilling breezes of winter.
- 5) In terms of land area, Russia is the biggest country in the world while China is the third largest country, it is only around half the size of Russia.
- 6) The lioness was starving she had not led a successful hunt in weeks.
- 7) The children loved showing off their funny dance moves the adults were not so enthusiastic.
- 8) Scientists believe there could be life in another galaxy it would take millions of years to actually travel there.
- 9) Harry was delighted when he got home he had just begun his summer holidays.

Green

Green

Add the missing punctuation to the sentences below:

- 1) Exercise is a crucial part of a healthy lifestyle it improves the health of your heart and lungs.
- 2) The children loved showing off their hilarious dance moves the adults were not so enthusiastic.
- 3) Tom could not believe his eyes: the creature had ten arms and five eyes as fast as lightning, he bolted for cover.
- 4) Harry was delighted when he got home he had just begun his summer holidays.
- 5) I watched too much television yesterday if the weather remains good, I will go for a run later today.
- 6) Lucy loves the blazing heat of summer Benjamin prefers the chilling breezes of winter.
- 7) Scientists are convinced there is life in another distant galaxy it would take millions of years to actually travel there.
- 8) In terms of land area, Russia is the biggest country in the world while China is the third largest country, it is only around half the size of Russia.
- 9) The lioness was starving she had not led a successful hunt in weeks.