

Spring Term Literacy Target

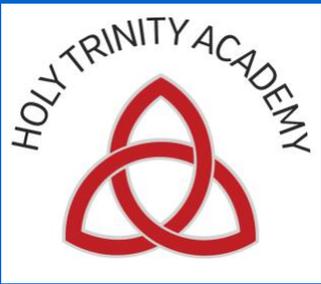
**To use the colon(:) and the
semi-colon (;) with
confidence and accuracy.**

The colon and the semi colon

- Do you know the difference between a colon and a semi colon?
- Can you use a colon to introduce a list?
- Can you use a colon to introduce an explanation, definition or quote?
- Can you use a colon to isolate a point for emphasis?

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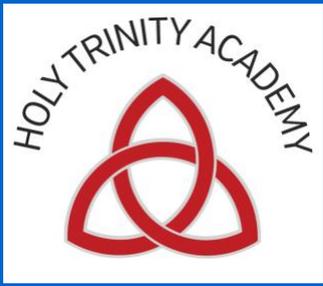
- Can you use a semi colon to connect two points?
- E.g. *Adam drives a Mercedes; Jo drives a Volvo.*
- Can you use a semi colon to organise a long, complicated list?
- E.g. *Our school is known for many things: the quality of the teaching, especially in English; the healthy and appealing food; the intelligence and helpfulness of the students.*



Colons and Semi- Colons

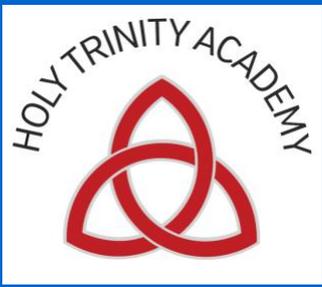
Aim:

- To improve writing by learning how to use the colon and semi colon.



The Colon

A colon consists of two dots, one above the other :



A colon is often used to introduce a list.

For example:

You will need to bring three things to the party: some food, something to drink, and a small gift for the host.

A colon can also be used to introduce an explanation, definition or quote:



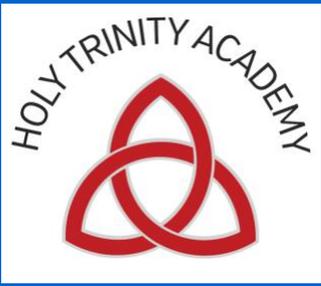
For example:

I'll tell you what I'm going to do I'm going to quit.

Elephant a large grey mammal.

In Scene 5, Romeo states

"Juliet I love you."

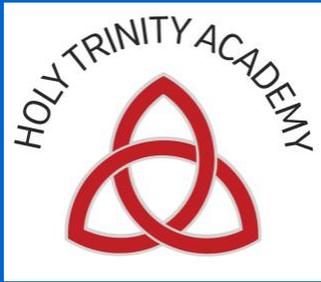


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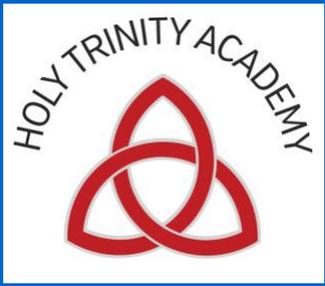
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Lastly, the colon can be used to isolate a point for **emphasis**:

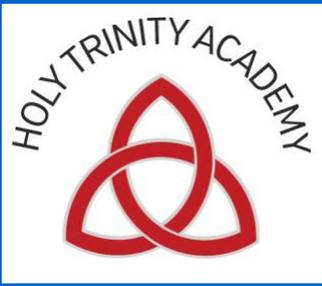
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The Semi-Colon

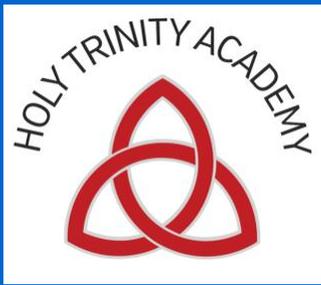
The semi-colon consists of a comma with a dot above it ;



The semi-colon is often used to join together two connected clauses.

For example:

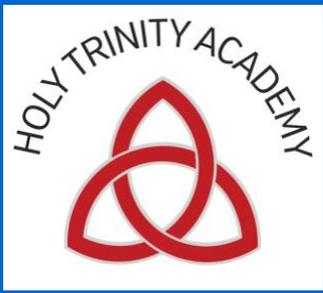
Mary drives a Mercedes; Jo drives a Volvo.



Elephants live in hot countries. They cool off by bathing.

Technology at our school is a real success. The computers are top quality.

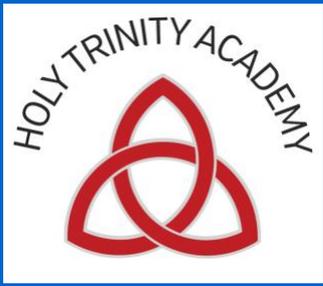
TASK: write one sentence, using a semi-colon to join two connecting clauses.



The semi-colon is also used to separate items in a list, when the items are long phrases.

Add the punctuation in here (there is also a colon to include) ↓

HTA is known for many things the quality of the teaching, especially in English the healthy and appealing food the intelligence and helpfulness of the students.



HTA is known for many things: the quality of the teaching, especially in English; the healthy and appealing food; the intelligence and helpfulness of the students.

There is already a comma so a semi-colon helps to stop confusion.