

Colons :

We often use a colon (:) to introduce a list, however, we can also use a colon in a sentence. When we use a colon in a sentence, it is to separate two clauses - the **first clause is usually a descriptive clause**. Then, the next clause gives more **information about the first clause**.

Task 1: Draw lines to match the two independent clauses, the **first clause is descriptive and the second clause gives more information about the first clause**.

The waves crashed violently against the shore

The volcano was dangerous

Sloths are extremely slow

Medusa was an appalling monster

it had erupted many times before.

she killed people by turning them to stone.

it had whipped up a frenzy of sea foam.

they take hours to cross the smallest of distances.

Task 2: Now write out each of the sentences in full below. Remember to add the colon (:) in the correct place between the two independent clauses.

1.

2.

3.

4.

Task 3: Write three of your own sentences, each containing a colon.

1.

2.

3.