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**Question:** How many medieval things can you name in 30 seconds?

**Answer:**



**Directions:** Underline any **red or bold words** that appear in the video.

### **What is a colon?**

A punctuation mark (:) used to precede a list of items, a quotation, an expansion, or an explanation.

You can use a colon to draw attention to many things in your writing. A colon means "that is to say" or "here's what I mean."

A colon can be used in a variety of circumstances. Also, it has a multitude of rhetorical effects.

- Colons for Lists
- Colons for Quotes
- Colon for Emphasis

### **Colon for Lists**

Use a colon to introduce an item or a series of items.

Do not capitalize the first item after the colon (unless it's a proper noun).

Example: I need to do the following activities: run, hide, and scream.

Example: My backpack is full of random items: cheese, notebooks, and pixie sticks.

### **AVOID**

Avoid using a colon before a list if it directly follows a verb or preposition that would ordinarily need no punctuation in that sentence.



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Examples

Not recommended: I want: world peace, racial equality, and diversity.

Recommended: I want world peace, racial equality, and diversity.

Recommended: I want the following solutions: world peace, racial equality, and diversity.

### Colon and Quotation Marks

- The colon is used to introduce quotes if the clause that comes before the colon is an independent clause.
- Also, you can use a colon before a quote when the quote is a complete sentence.

Example 1: The host made an announcement: "I have poisoned the drinks."

Example 2: My mom repeated her life advice: "If your personal drama won't matter in five years, don't pay any attention to it."



**Directions:** Determine where you should place the colon in each sentence.

Example: His life motto is simple "Enjoy life!"


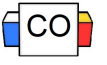
Example: My mother had another piece of advice "Don't sweat the small stuff."

Example: These people are invited to the party Tiffany, Blake, Dr. Flintz, The Lollipop Lunatic, and the interdimensional platypus.

Example: Snailmate's Stress Sauce has a warning label "This hot sauce is so tasty that it solves all of the world's problems."



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 AC	<b>Directions:</b> Write an original sentence that uses a colon in it to either introduce a list or a quote.
 CO	<b>Your Answer: (see above)</b>
<b>Extra Notes</b>	