



Using Colons for Lists and Quotes

Today's Standard

9-10.L.2b - Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation.

Cues	Notes
When to use a colon?	Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation.
Examples of colons in lists?	Example: 'I need the following items: bread, milk, and eggs.'
Examples of colons in quotations?	Example: 'He said: "Practice makes perfect."'
Common mistakes with colons?	Common mistakes include using a colon after a verb or preposition.
Differences between colons, semicolons, and commas?	Colons introduce lists/quotations, semicolons link clauses, commas separate items.

Summary

Colons are used to introduce lists or quotations. Avoid using them after verbs or prepositions. Understand the differences between colons, semicolons, and commas to use them correctly.