



Using Colons for Lists and Quotes

Today's Standard

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

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a shopping list: 'I need to buy: milk, eggs, and bread.'; Introducing a quote in an essay: 'As Shakespeare wrote: "To be, or not to be."'; Creating a schedule: 'Today's agenda includes: meeting, lunch, and project work.'; Emailing a summary: 'The meeting covered the following points: budget, timeline, and resources.'; Making an announcement: 'The winners are: John, Sarah, and Alex.'

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to use a colon in writing. A colon can be used to start a list of things or to show a quote from someone.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might put a colon after a verb or a preposition, which is wrong. They might also use a colon instead of a semicolon or comma. A colon should only start a list or a quote.

Quiz Me

- What is a colon used for?
- Can you use a colon after a verb?
- Give an example of a list using a colon.
- What is a quote?
- Can you use a colon instead of a comma?

Help Me

A colon is like a special mark that helps us list things or show when someone is talking. For example, if you want to list your favorite fruits, you can write: 'My favorite fruits are: apples, oranges, and bananas.'