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1 Match the punctuation with its purpose.

Draw a line between each matching pair

colon	separates two closely-related independent clauses instead of using a conjunction
dash	can separate two independent clauses but used usually in informal writing
semi-colon	separates two independent clauses when the second clause explains or illustrates the first clause

2 Select the sentence that uses a **dash** correctly.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] I like being by the sea the waves are - very calming.
- [ ] I like being by the sea - the waves are very calming.
- [ ] I like - being by the sea the waves are very calming.
- [ ] I like being by the sea the waves are very - calming.

3 Select the sentence that uses a **colon** correctly.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] Ruth learnt two languages at secondary school German: and French.
- [ ] Ruth learnt two languages at secondary school: German and French.
- [ ] Ruth learnt two languages: at secondary school German and French.
- [ ] Ruth learnt two languages at secondary school German and: French.

4 Select the letter that shows where the **colon** should go in the sentence:

I needed (A) to pack (B) two essential things (C) the tent (D) and the tent pegs.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] D
- [ ] A
- [ ] C
- [ ] B

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5 Select the sentence that uses a **colon** correctly.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] You only need a few ingredients: to make pancakes milk, flour, eggs and a pinch of salt.
- [ ] You only need a few ingredients to make pancakes milk: flour: eggs and a pinch of salt.
- [ ] You only need a few ingredients to make pancakes milk: flour: eggs: and a pinch of salt.
- [ ] You only need a few ingredients to make pancakes: milk, flour, eggs and a pinch of salt.

6 Select the letter that shows where the **dash** should go in the sentence:

The lesson (A) was very boring (B) the teacher just (C) read from a book (D)

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] A
- [ ] D
- [ ] B
- [ ] C

7 Select the letter that shows where the **semi-colon** should go in the sentence:

I might (A) go swimming (B) at the weekend (C) I might go to my friend's house (D) too.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] B
- [ ] D
- [ ] C
- [ ] A

8 Select the letter that shows where the **semi-colon** should go in the sentence:

They've built (A) a new museum (B) in my town (C) the grand opening is (D) next week.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] B
- [ ] A
- [ ] C
- [ ] D

9 Select the letter that shows where the **colon** should go in the sentence:

There are (A) two things (B) I love (C) about school (D) lunchtime and hometime.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] D
- [ ] B
- [ ] C
- [ ] A

10 Select the sentence that uses a **semi-colon** correctly.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] Yasmin was delighted with her test result she had achieved; 100%.
- [ ] Yasmin was delighted with her test; result she had achieved 100%.
- [ ] Yasmin was delighted with her test result; she had achieved 100%.
- [ ] Yasmin was delighted; with her test result she had achieved 100%.

11 Select the letter that shows where the **colon** should go in the sentence:

Jamal had to think very hard (A) about his test (B) he didn't (C) want to fall (D) again.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] D
- [ ] C
- [ ] B
- [ ] A

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12 Select the letter that shows where the **dash** should go in the sentence:

The man ran (A) for the bus (B) he couldn't (C) risk being (D) late again.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] A
- [ ] D
- [ ] B
- [ ] C

13 Select the sentence that uses a **dash** correctly.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] Eve knew she'd have a difficult day she'd hardly slept - last night.
- [ ] Eve knew she'd have - a difficult day she'd hardly slept last night.
- [ ] Eve knew - she'd have a difficult day she'd hardly slept last night.
- [ ] Eve knew she'd have a difficult day - she'd hardly slept last night.

14 Select the sentence that uses a **dash** correctly.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] She put her sun hat on it - was going to be another very hot day.
- [ ] She put her sun hat on - it was going to be another very hot day.
- [ ] She put her sun hat on it was going to be - another very hot day.
- [ ] She put her sun hat on it was going to be another very - hot day.

15 Match the punctuation mark with its name.

Draw a line between each matching pair

:	semi-colon
-	dash
;	colon

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16 Select the sentence that uses a **semi-colon** correctly.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] I like summer best; because it's hot my brother prefers the snow.
- [ ] I like summer best because it's hot my brother prefers; the snow.
- [ ] I like summer best because it's hot; my brother prefers the snow.
- [ ] I like summer; best because it's hot my brother prefers the snow.

17 Select the letter that shows where the **dash** should go in the sentence:

I (A) find swimming (B) tricky (C) I sink rather than float (D)

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] B
- [ ] D
- [ ] A
- [ ] C

18 Select the sentence that uses a **colon** correctly.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] Chen had three favourite school subjects English: maths and P.E.
- [ ] Chen had three favourite school subjects: English, maths and P.E.
- [ ] Chen had three favourite school subjects English, maths: and P.E.
- [ ] Chen had three favourite: school subjects English, maths and P.E.

20 Select the sentence that uses a **semi-colon** correctly.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] My sister loves dogs; my brother prefers cats though.
- [ ] My sister loves dogs my brother prefers; cats though.
- [ ] My sister loves dogs my brother prefers cats; though.
- [ ] My sister; loves dogs my brother prefers cats though.

19 Select the letter that shows where the **semi-colon** should go in the sentence:

She ran upstairs to grab her umbrella (A) it (B) was (C) raining (D) again.

Tick **ONE** box next to the correct answer

- [ ] A
- [ ] D
- [ ] B
- [ ] C