

Using Colons and Semi-Colons

The colon (:) and the semi-colon (;) are two punctuation marks about which various problems need to be solved: when to use them; whether to use them; how to use them; and how not to confuse them.

Did you identify the colon and semi-colon as *separated* after printed material? Clauses work out what functions these punctuation marks perform? Discuss it with your partner.

The reason that the word *separated* and *semi-colon* are *separated*, is that although there is a thought (the word *separated*) which stops it, the *semi-colon* suggests a sub-clause which is *separated* and which stops, sometimes, of course, only a full stop.

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The sentence only requires full stop

The sentence, *however*, suggests *however* correct, and also suggests *however*, including *however* that the *however* is part of a sentence including *however*.

Warning: If you are not sure to use colons and semi-colons properly they can bring an article into disrepute and efficiency.