

Colons between clauses

Remember

A **colon** can be used to separate two **main clauses** in a sentence if the second clause explains or expands on the first.

The mill workers' demands were clear: they wanted better working conditions.

Current working conditions were inhumane: some workers were dying.



Try it

1 Insert a colon in the correct place in each sentence.

Maya should definitely take charge of the money she is so good with figures.

The family have reached a decision they will go to Spain.

With all sports, the message is the same practice makes perfect.

At that moment, we realised the truth everything he had told us was a lie.

The pilot explained why the flight was delayed there was a problem with the engine.

Cody couldn't wait to tell his friends he knew they would be excited.



2 Complete each sentence by adding a colon and another main clause.

Geeta was an excellent student _____

The book club have made their choice _____

The weather is very changeable here _____

Stepping outside, he felt a sudden shiver _____

Rowan had always liked Reece _____

Sentence practice

Write a sentence about a decision you have made, using two main clauses and a colon.
