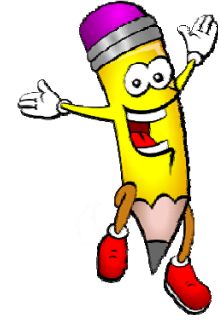


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## Using Colons to Introduce an Explanation

Use a colon to introduce an explanation, when the explanation follows an independent clause.

**EXAMPLE:** John is a good student: he studies every day.  
Ellen never misses the bus: she gets up every morning at 4:30 a.m.

**DIRECTIONS:** Combine each set of sentences into a single sentence using a colon.

1. Mark lost his dog. Mark's dog got out of the yard.

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2. The soup was delicious. My mother has her own special recipe for soup.

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3. Jane always looks so put together. Jane has her hair done every other week.

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4. Joe is angry at Dena. Dena forgot Joe's birthday.

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5. The book was outstanding. The author spent fifteen years writing it.

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