

## Colons and Semicolons: Notes and Practice

### Colons:

a punctuation mark (:) indicating:

- that a writer is \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Example: The dean stood up and expressed his love for the students with these moving words: "Blah, blah....."
- that a writer is \_\_\_\_\_ of which the second \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the first.  
Example: He got what he worked for: he really earned that promotion.
- Use between \_\_\_\_\_.
- Use \_\_\_\_\_ of a business letter.

### Semicolons:

- a punctuation mark (;) connecting two \_\_\_\_\_:  
-Use between \_\_\_\_\_ when they are \_\_\_\_\_.  
EX: English was Lou's hardest subject; accordingly, he gave it more time than any other subject.  
*Exception:* Only use to separate independent clauses joined by FANBOYS if the clauses \_\_\_\_\_.  
EX: Our strongest defensive players are Carlos, Will, and Jared; and Kareem and Matt are excellent on offense.
- Using a semicolon= you can replace it with a \_\_\_\_\_ and have two \_\_\_\_\_.

### PRACTICE:

Place the appropriate punctuation mark in the following sentences. The spaces for punctuation are marked for you. Choose between comma, semicolon, and colon.

1. If you want to go on vacation next year\_\_ you will need to save some money.
2. I've heard New York City is an excellent place to visit \_\_ it can be hot in the summer \_\_ though.
3. We could stay in the city and see all the sights \_\_ the Statue of Liberty \_\_ Central Park \_\_ and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
4. Another fun thing to do would be drive upstate to see the Baseball Hall of Fame \_\_ I've always wanted to go there.
5. My friend told me I have to try the bagels and pizza in New York \_\_ they're supposed to be the best!
6. Since we might go in December \_\_ make sure you pack these warm items \_\_ gloves, a scarf, a hat, and a wool coat.