Link the clauses

We use colons to introduce: lists, summaries, examples, quotations and second clauses that expand or illustrate the first clause.

Use colons and semicolons to punctuate the following sentences.

1. In school today we learned how to say 'Good morning' and 'Good evening' in Spanish how to make a great pizza how to use a thesaurus and how to use colons.

2. Shakespeare wrote The Merchant of Venice, which was about a money-lender Macbeth, which is known as 'the Scottish play' and Hamlet, which is set in Denmark.

3. For this recipe you will need the juice of four oranges the skins of three lemons a litre of water and 200g of sugar.

4. Alligators are reptiles. Other reptiles include saltwater crocodiles Indonesian Komodo dragons and long-nosed chameleons.



Dash, dash, dash

Draw lines to join the parts of the sentences.



Which two other punctuation marks could have been used in some of the sentences instead of the dashes?

Rewrite two of the sentences using the alternative punctuation marks.



Separating clauses

Circle the last word in the first clause and the first word in the second clause in these sentences.

- There is one thing you need to know about dogs as pets they are hard work.
- **2.** Preston is the county town of Lancashire Matlock is the county town of Derbyshire.
- **3.** Granite is a very hard rock limestone is a softer one.
- **4.** There was only one option he'd have to have fish and chips for dinner.
- 5. It's my birthday next week I will be eleven.

Rewrite each sentence correctly with either a colon or a semicolon to link the clauses.

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