

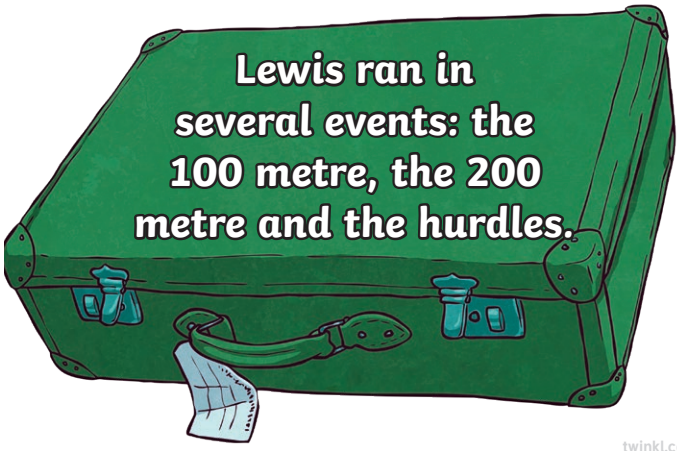


Chase the Colons (and Semi-Colons)

Print the cards and place face down on the table.


The aim is to find the correctly punctuated sentences, which are worth money. If a child picks a correctly punctuated sentence, they can take a money card. If they pick an incorrectly punctuated sentence, they receive no money. The child with the most money at the end is the winner.

 <p>Don't forget to do your chores: the washing, drying and sweeping.</p> <p><small>twinkl.com</small></p>	 <p>Jamal played the violin, my ears were hurting.</p> <p><small>twinkl.com</small></p>
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 <p>My new trainers were ruined: the red paint had spilled all over them.</p> <p><small>twinkl.com</small></p>	 <p>A girl climbed the wall, it was much taller than her.</p> <p><small>twinkl.com</small></p>

A green suitcase with a brown strap and a white tag hanging from the handle.


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several events: the
100 metre, the 200
metre and the hurdles.

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A yellow suitcase with a brown strap and a white tag hanging from the handle.

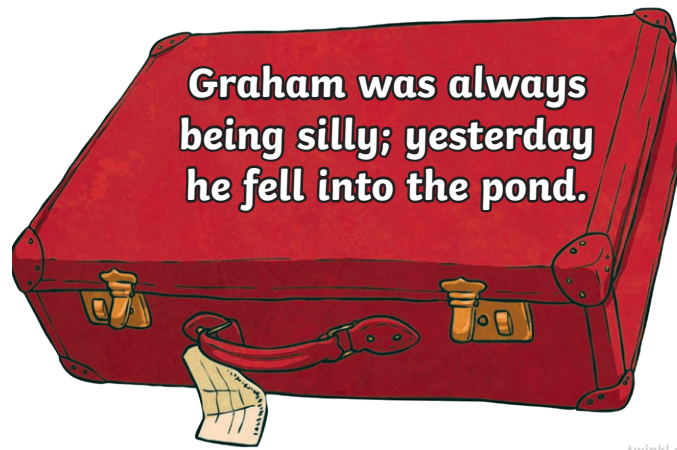
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trees swayed.

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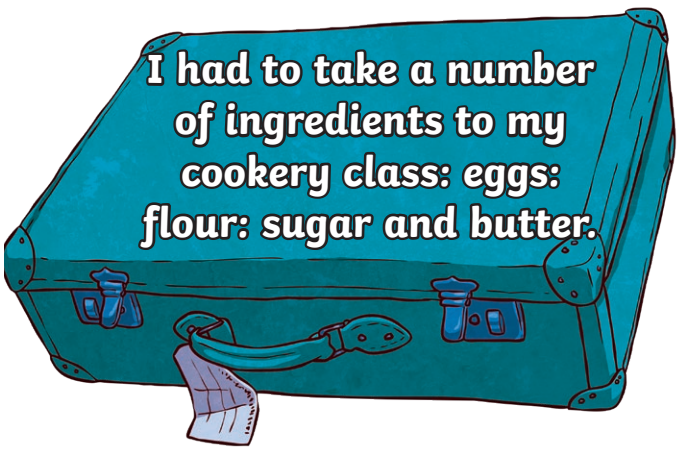
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and his cousins.

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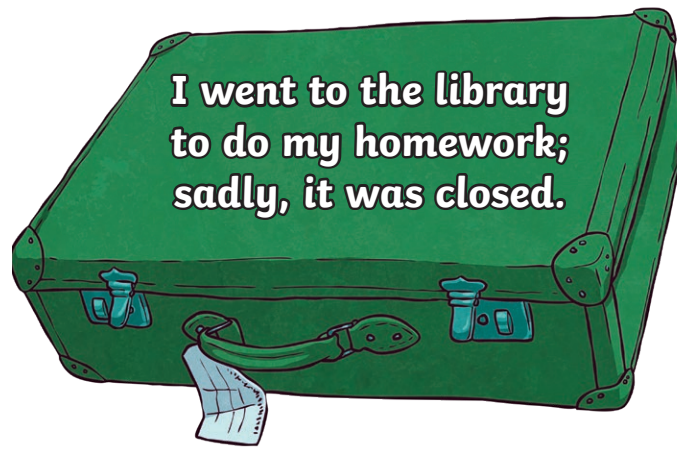
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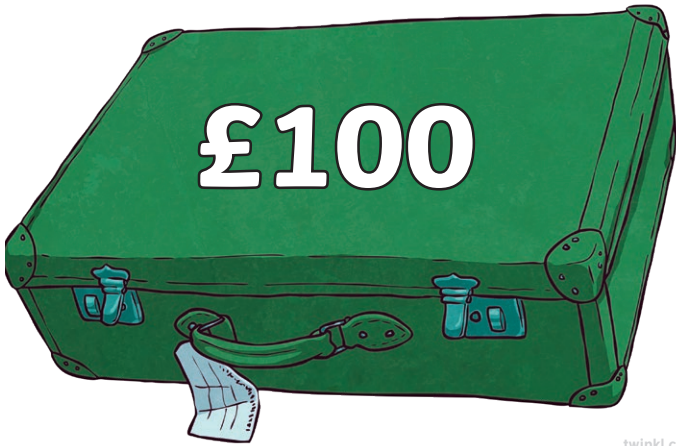
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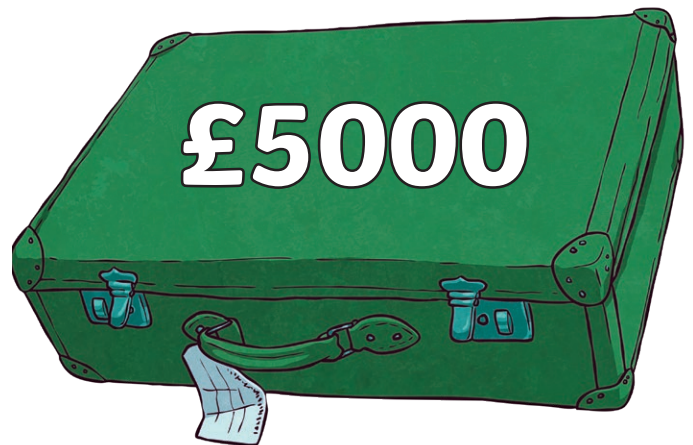
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Chase the Colons (and Semi-Colons) Answers

Correct Use of Colons

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Correct Use of Semi-Colons

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Incorrect Use of Colons

I had to take a number of ingredients to my cookery class: eggs: flour: sugar and butter. **(The first colon is correct. All subsequent colons should be commas.)**

Incorrect Use of Semi-Colons

The wind howled; The trees swayed. **(No capital letter needed after a semi-colon.)**

Incorrect Use of Commas (should be colons)

Sunil visited family every Christmas, his nan, his aunt and his cousins. **(The first comma should be a colon.)**

Incorrect Use of Commas (should be semi-colons)

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