

Thursday – Week 4

Grammar – Answers

Semi-Colons, Colons and Dashes

Answers



1. Insert the semi-colon in the correct place in these sentences.
 - a) The woodland creatures each had their own cosy homes: badger, in his set; rabbit, in her burrow; and fox, in his den.
 - b) High in the trees the birds twittered; the wood was alive with beautiful music.
 - c) Leaves fluttered softly to the ground; a soft red carpet emerged.
 - d) *To link two closely related independent clauses instead of using a conjunction. To separate items in a list, especially when the list contains commas.*
2. Insert the colons in the correct place in these sentences.
 - a) At the seaside the waves crashed noisily against the shore: the storm had whipped up a frenzy of sea-foam.
 - b) Don't forget to do your chores: the washing, ironing and dusting.
 - c) Sadie's project was doomed to fail: she had run out of time to finish.
 - d) *To separate two independent clauses where the second clause explains, expands on or balances the information in the first. To introduce a list.*
3. Insert the dashes in the correct place in these sentences.
 - a) Monkeys are my favourite animal – I think they're really funny.
 - b) Tom Francis – who was usually a really cool guy – fell flat on his face in ballet class.
 - c) Stacey ran as fast as she could – she had to catch that bus!
 - d) *To separate or connect two independent clauses – less formal. To mark out extra information in a sentence (a bit like brackets).*

