

Colons (Advanced)

Decide if a colon is used correctly in the sentences below (Yes/No).

1. Living independently and demonstrating an intense work ethic: the boys soon became well known in the bowling industry.
2. Not all famous sports stars stick to sports for their entire careers. Take LeBron James, for instance: he starred in the critically acclaimed masterpiece Space Jam 2. This made him well known among families that do not regularly follow the NBA.
3. Technology has shaped the way people brainstorm, write, and record information. Today, authors tend to use technological devices, such as: iPads, other tablets, and even phones. They are slowly pushing out the conventional notepad, pencil, and pen that have been the bedrock for recording ideas for centuries.
4. He was a very good—possibly the best—player: he had spent a lot of time practicing.
5. The assassination of John F. Kennedy changed the course of US History: because it was such a momentous event.
6. Is coffee healthy, or not? Over the past few decades, there have been many scientific studies contradicting each other on the topic: coffee has been shown to reverse the effects of liver damage, increase the risk of miscarriage, raise blood pressure, and lower the risk of stroke.

7. For the results of an experiment to be properly verified, the experiment must be repeated by other scientists. However, in order to duplicate experiments, other scientists would need to put in the same amount of time and money as the initial ones while foregoing any of the same perks like: eligibility for academic or financial recognition, meaning that very few experiments actually get replicated.
8. This issue – affecting scientific investigations across the spectrum – serves as a breeding ground for false facts and misleading results. The growing evidence for a concerning lack of research replication has even been given a name: replication crisis.
9. The issue may not necessarily have arisen due to problems with science itself. Scientists are under constant pressure to publish new findings to win funding: which leaves little to no incentive for studies double-checking previously produced results.
10. Fortunately, some corporations are invested in a good education system because they view students as future employees: to ensure future advantages over foreign competitors, these companies have often funded education that will foster smarter, more talented employees.