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# COLONS

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- Use a colon before most lists of items, especially when a list comes after an expression such as *the following*.
- A colon never follows a verb or a preposition.
- Use a colon between hours and minutes.

**EXERCISE** Add colons where needed to each sentence and write *colon* on the line. If a sentence is correct, write *C*.

**EXAMPLE** There are generally two causes of smog: burning fuel and exhaust emissions from automobiles.

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| 1. The plane from Honolulu is scheduled to land at 1130 A.M.   | 1. _____  |
| 2. Three kinds of oranges are Seville, mandarin, and navel.  | 2. _____  |
| 3. The three main characteristics of cactus are the following leaflessness, spiny surfaces, and long roots.          | 3. _____  |
| 4. In World War II, Germany surrendered to three nations the United States, Great Britain, and Russia.               | 4. _____  |
| 5. The following animals are all extinct the saber-toothed tiger, the great auk, and the passenger pigeon.           | 5. _____  |
| 6. The following presidents died in office Abraham Lincoln, William McKinley, and John Kennedy.                      | 6. _____  |
| 7. My three favorite vegetables are corn, carrots, and peas.   | 7. _____  |
| 8. I have good luck fishing with worms, grasshoppers, and minnows.   | 8. _____  |
| 9. Will you be able to get here by 915 A.M.?   | 9. _____  |
| 10. The following almost-extinct birds are being reintroduced into various states eagles, falcons, and wild turkeys. | 10. _____ |
| 11. On yesterday's hike Jan was attacked by black flies, mosquitoes, and ticks.                                      | 11. _____ |
| 12. The Blue Ridge Parkway passes through two states Virginia and North Carolina.                                    | 12. _____ |
| 13. We grow the following kinds of apples Jonathan, Delicious, and Golden Delicious.                                 | 13. _____ |
| 14. Several birds hunt in the evening owls, bats, and night hawks.   | 14. _____ |
| 15. The colonists moved west by foot, on horseback, and in covered wagons.   | 15. _____ |