

1. Tick all the sentences where a colon has been used correctly.

Joanna has three brothers: Paul, Dean and Pete.	
Joanna's three brothers are called: Paul, Dean and Pete.	
Paul didn't know whether to eat: pizza, burger or pasta.	
Paul had a choice of what to eat: pizza, burger or pasta.	

2. Rewrite these sentences with the correct punctuation.

a) joanna was only allowed to invite three people to her party harriet paula and bethany

b) daniel was scared of many things ghosts spiders and clowns

c) gareth southgate selected his best team sterling cahill and kane

3. Complete these sentences with a suitable list.

a) I packed all the essential items for my holiday: _____

b) James needed to get ready for bed: _____

Challenge!

Explain which of these sentences is correct and why.

a) The pasta dish contains: tomatoes, peppers and cheese.

OR

b) The pasta dish contains three ingredients: tomatoes, peppers and cheese.

Correct sentence: _____

Explanation:

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2. Rewrite these sentences with the correct punctuation.

a) joanna was only allowed to invite three people to her party harriet paula and bethany

Joanna was only allowed to invite three people to her party: Harriet, Paula and Bethany.

b) daniel was scared of many things ghosts spiders and clowns

Daniel was scared of many things: ghosts, spiders and clowns.

c) gareth southgate selected his best team sterling cahill and kane

Gareth Southgate selected his best team: Sterling, Cahill and Kane.

3. Complete these sentences with a suitable list. **ANSWERS MAY VARY.**

a) I packed all the essential items for my holiday: sun cream, sunglasses and a swimming costume.

b) James needed to get ready for bed: put on his pyjamas, brush his teeth and wash his face.

Challenge!

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a) The pasta dish contains: tomatoes, peppers and cheese.

OR

b) The pasta dish contains three ingredients: tomatoes, peppers and cheese.

Correct sentence: **b**

Explanation:

Sentence b is correct because it has a main clause before the colon which is being used
to start a list. Sentence a has a phrase before the colon and it does not make sense on
its own.

