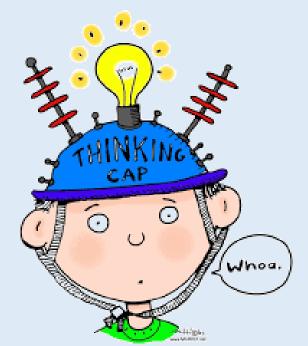
WALT use colons for different purposes in our writing.

WILF:

Identify the ways to use colons.

Use colons.

Use correct spelling, capital letters and full stops.



SPAG-tacular punctuation.



Please have a go at the punctuation level of this game for 5 minutes. Put a timer on, then come back here for the lesson.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbkf4j/articles/zbm8scw

Today we are looking at where to use colons. Can you remember their uses?

There are two main uses for colons.

The first is to join two clauses - watch this short video to find out more.

https://safeYouTube.net/w/svWM

The two clauses should make sense by themselves (independent clauses) - that means that if you took the colon out and replaced it with a full stop, it would still make sense.

Example:

A dolphin is not fish: it is a warm-blooded mammal.

At that moment, he turned to run away: it was a miracle.

Another is use is to *introduce a list* - watch this short video to find out more.

https://safeYouTube.net/w/3vWM

There are two different types of list you might use a semicolon for.

You can list items, or you can list to make something clearer.

Example: Items - She bought: potatoes, carrots, onions and cabbage.

Clarifying - There were two options: stay or run like the wind. (I have listed the two options) Today we are going to use colons in our writing for different purposes. We're going to put them into a narrative. Here's an example of how. As you read, think about how the colon helps to make the writing clearer.

Yesterday began no differently than every other day. I walked alone to school like I always did, before greeting Gretchen and Joe at the gate. I went to my classes: English, Maths, Geography and History. At the end of the day, everything had changed. The sky above me was swirling violet and crimson: the solar system was exposed. I could not believe my eyes: I gazed around frantically to see how others were reacting, but they weren't. I spotted Gretchen across the playground, kicking her ball against the fence. She was clueless. It was just me. Then it hurtled towards me. I had two options: stay and face it, or sprint to safety.





Write a paragraph or two of descriptive story, using colons for different reasons.

This will have more colons than a regular piece of writing, as you are showing me how you can use them.

Don't forget your descriptive language. Have fun!

