

## Lesson 391

### Mechanics - Punctuation - Colons

Use a **colon** before listed items that are introduced by such words as *the following*, *as follows*, *thus*, and *these*; by a number; or by any other expression that "points-out."

Example:

In high school he played the following sports: baseball, basketball, football, and tennis.

Use no **colon** before a list of *predicate nominatives*, *direct objects*, or *objects of the preposition*. A colon should not hinder the natural flow of the sentence.

Example:

We will need *flour*, *milk*, and *sugar*. (direct objects)

**Instructions:** Place *colons* where needed.

1. You need these guys Will, Boyd, Jeff, and Jim.
2. She had three personality flaws pride, selfishness, and a temper.
3. The singers will be you, Pam, and Becky.
4. For the camp-out we will need the following things a tent, three sleeping bags, and a gas lantern.
5. Next semester I will be taking four courses Algebra II, English Literature, American History, and Biology III.