COLONS TO SEPARATE INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

A colon can be used to separate two independent clauses: these are clauses that make sense on their own (and don't leave the reader hanging mid-sentence…..!).

The two clauses must be about the same topic: the second one often gives more information about the first.

The two sentences above both use a colon to separate two independent clauses: they are examples of today's grammar focus!

Write 4-6 sentences that use a colon to separate two independent clauses – can you write sentences you could use in today's writing task? (Look at the examples to help….)

Book review

eg Wonder is a book with an important message: it tells us that we must accept people for who they are.

eg The character of Auggie really draws us in: despite his outward appearance, we learn that he is just like us.

Alternative writing activity

eg She walked into the tunnel: it was dark and oppressive and smelt of pine needles.

eg All around her, she could feel the air tingling: it made her feel excited and scared all at the same time.