

Read and Discover

Using Colons and Semicolons

Lesson 48

- In 1982 a young Turkish diver saw strange objects on the ocean floor, he'd never seen anything like them.
- The diver knew what to do: he told his captain.
- The diver described the objects as "metal biscuits with ears"; his captain guessed they were Bronze Age copper ingots.

In which sentence are two independent clauses separated incorrectly with only a comma? ____ What marks are used to separate the independent clauses in the other two sentences? ____ and ____

A **semicolon** can be used instead of a comma and conjunction to separate the independent clauses in a **compound sentence**. A **colon** can be used to separate two sentences when the second sentence states a direct result of the first.

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Part 1

Write a colon or a semicolon to separate the clauses in each sentence. Sentences 4, 6, and 9 require a colon.

- In 1982 a shipwreck was discovered off the coast of Turkey; it was the oldest shipwreck found.
- Divers named the ship *Ulu Burun*; it held artifacts from seven ancient cultures.
- The *Ulu Burun* sank in the fourteenth century B.C.; it sat on the ocean floor for 34 centuries.
4. The wreck gave archaeologists an amazing opportunity; it provided a glimpse into the trade routes and cargoes of the ancient Mediterranean.
- Archaeologists found huge jars called *pithos*; drawings of these jars appear on the walls of Egyptian tombs.
6. The cargo included many kinds of raw materials; copper, tin, and ivory were among them.
- The ship carried six tons of copper; the copper would be mixed with tin to make bronze.
- The copper was in the form of ingots; each weighed about 60 pounds.
9. Finished goods were also found; pottery, gold jewelry, and bronze swords were among them.
- The treasures included ebony from Africa; amber from northern Europe was also found.
- During the fourteenth century B.C., pharaohs ruled Egypt; many artifacts from the *Ulu Burun* are Egyptian.