

Using Colons and Semicolons

Decide whether the underlined word in each sentence should be followed by a colon, a semicolon, or a comma. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

- I. I am reading about the trickster it is a character in traditional Native American literature.
A colon B semicolon C comma
2. The trickster also appears in stories from other cultures such as the following Norse, Chinese, and African cultures.
A colon B semicolon C comma
3. In Native American stories, the trickster may be a coyote or it may be a raven.
A colon B semicolon C comma
4. Those are the two most popular forms for the trickster there are many others.
A colon B semicolon C comma
5. In many African cultures the trickster took the form of a spider called Anansi.
A colon B semicolon C comma
6. Early American slaves had their own version of the trickster this trickster was called Brer Rabbit.
A colon B semicolon C comma
7. These trickster characters had many qualities in common but a few stood out from the others.
A colon B semicolon C comma
8. A trickster often had the following qualities clever, instinctive, strong, enduring, and, of course, tricky.
A colon B semicolon C comma
9. In some folktales, the trickster was even the creator of the following Earth, people, animals, weather, and other natural phenomena.
A colon B semicolon C comma
10. It is interesting to study trickster tales you see many similarities around the world.
A colon B semicolon C comma
11. One of my favorite trickster tales "How Coyote Stole Fire," is a Native American tale.
A colon B semicolon C comma
12. Speaking of fire, Greek mythology includes a character named Prometheus and some consider him a trickster.
A colon B semicolon C comma
13. Prometheus might be considered a trickster but he sure ended up being punished for his trickery!
A colon B semicolon C comma
14. Prometheus tricked Zeus and Zeus gave Prometheus a torturous punishment.
A colon B semicolon C comma
15. Zeus did the following to Prometheus hung him from a mountain, had his eagle poke at Prometheus' skin, and let the frost freeze him each night.
A colon B semicolon C comma
16. After a day of torture, Prometheus' skin healed overnight in the morning the torture started again.
A colon B semicolon C comma
17. Most other tricksters but not all, fared better than Prometheus did.
A colon B semicolon C comma
18. Coyote was particularly successful he rarely lost a battle of wits or strength.
A colon B semicolon C comma
19. In Asian cultures, the trickster is often a monkey, fox or even a wasp.
A colon B semicolon C comma
20. Some people sum up the character of the trickster as the following creator, destroyer, and survivor.
A colon B semicolon C comma