Colons and Semicolons Practice

Name: _____ Date: _____

Remember:

- Use a **colon (:)** to introduce a list or explanation.
- Use a **semicolon (;)** to join two related independent clauses.

Part A: Adding Colons

Insert a colon in the correct place in each sentence.

1. For the school trip, please bring the following items hat, sunscreen, lunch and water bottle.
2. There's only one thing I want for my birthday a new skateboard.
3. The teacher had one rule for homework complete it on time.
4. We visited three cities during our holiday Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Part B: Adding Semicolons

Insert a semicolon in the correct place in each sentence.

1. The rain was pouring down the rugby match was cancelled.
2. I studied hard for the test I felt confident about my answers.
3. My brother loves science he wants to be a marine biologist.
4. The concert starts at seven o'clock we should leave by six.

Part C: Colon or Semicolon?

Write either a colon or semicolon in each space.

1. The library has many resources ___ books, magazines, computers and quiet study areas.
2. The storm was approaching quickly ___ we needed to find shelter.
3. I have one goal this term ___ to improve my maths skills.
4. The weather was perfect ___ we decided to have a picnic at the beach.
5. You'll need these ingredients ___ flour, eggs, milk and sugar.

Part D: Write Your Own

Write two sentences of your own using the punctuation correctly.

1. A sentence using a colon:

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2. A sentence using a semicolon: