

EXERCISE 35-1 The colon: Guided practice

In the following paragraph, insert colons where they are needed and eliminate any improperly used colons. The numbers in the margin refer to appropriate rules in section 35 of *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition. The first revision has been done for you, and answers to this exercise appear in the back of the book.

In 1951, Althea Gibson broke the color barrier in women’s tennis and became admired all over the world. No one who knew her as a teenager would have predicted her success. By the time Althea Gibson reached her teens, her record showed three indications of trouble: running away from home, dropping out of school, and losing the one job she had been able to find. To survive in her neighborhood, Althea depended on: a small welfare allowance, occasional handouts, and plain old luck. She listed her skills as the following, good bowler, great two-on-two basketball player, and fast paddleball player. Even after she began playing tennis and moving in upper-class Harlem society, she resented the efforts of the society ladies to improve her. They busied themselves with tasks such as: correcting her manners and restricting her behavior. Looking back, she later summed up her attitude she said she wasn’t ready to study about “how to be a fine lady.” At eighteen, she finally got: a waitress job, a congenial roommate, and a good friend.

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