

EXERCISE 35-3 The colon Before working this exercise, read section 35 in *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

In the following paragraph, the italicized words indicate where two parts of a sentence come together. Decide whether the sentence needs a colon to join these parts. If so, insert it. If not, mark the spot "OK." The first spot has been done for you. Hint: You will need very few colons.

Althea Gibson began playing *tennis* ^{OK} *when* she was a young teenager in the 1940s. In just over a decade, she *became one* of the world's greatest women tennis players.

The tennis world began to notice her after only a few years of amateur *play* *she* was winning women's singles meets one after the other. In 1950 and the years immediately *following*, *she* became more and more famous. By 1957, Althea Gibson, the rising young tennis star, was well known on both sides of the *Atlantic* *she* was the most respected woman player in Britain and America. In both countries she won the national women's singles title two years in a row: 1957 and 1958. The British meet, which is *called Wimbledon*, is generally regarded *as the* unofficial world championship meet. Gibson also played on the U.S. team at other major meets, *including the* Wightman Cup meet. That meet is a special British-American *meet that* pits U.S. women against British women. When Althea Gibson was on the U.S. team, the United States won.

Gibson's retirement from tennis in 1958 *was a* complete surprise to her fans. What reason did she give for her retirement? She had *decided to* become a professional golfer!