

EXERCISE 35-4 The colon: Guided review

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

When the Eatons of North Carolina invited Althea Gibson to move into their home for the school year, she hesitated. Northerner Althea had one major fear:^{35a} white southerners. She decided to go in spite of her fears. At the Eatons' house, Althea had to get used to: wear-^{35d} ing skirts, obeying rules, and getting along with people. She was expected to listen to adult conversations and join in with well-chosen comments. At the time, Althea considered these requirements to be serious disadvantages. However, there were also advantages to life with the Eatons, such as: regular meals, a room of her own, an allowance, and unlimited use of^{35d} the doctor's private tennis court. School presented one overwhelming social problem^{35b} Althea could not make friends with either boys or girls. The boys may have resented her athletic prowess and her self-confidence. The girls considered her a tomboy. Years later Althea still recalled their taunts "She's no lady" and "Look at her throwing that ball just like^{35a} a man." Even the singing instructor added to her woes. When he placed her in the tenor section to make the chorus sound better, the other girls in the chorus could not control their giggles. Some people even made fun of her tennis, but her tenacity paid off. Before she had finished high school, Florida A & M University had offered her a scholarship. Althea had been right to expect problems if she lived in the South, but she had not anticipated what the problems would be. If she had put those high school years into a book, she could have titled it *The Unexpected, Problems Are Not Always What They Seem.*^{35c}