

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Read Rules of Participation

- Read *Rules of Participation*. This is about the Flutag competition. Which do you think is the most important rule here?
- Highlight the punctuation used in this writing. What is the name of each and what is it doing?

2. Revise using colons and semi-colons in lists.

- Use the *Revision Card* or the *PowerPoint* to revise using colons and semi-colons in lists.

3. Practise using colons and semi colons in lists.

- Look at *Crazy Competitions*. Which of these would you most like to see? Which would you most like to take part in.
- Read *Crazy Competition Rules*. Choose one of these competitions and write the rules as a list introduced with a colon and with items separated by colons.
- Try writing lists for two more competitions.

Share your writing with a grown-up. Show them the punctuation that you have used.

Try the Fun-Time Extras

- Use the Internet to find out more about three of the Crazy Competitions.

Terms of Participation

The rules are as follows: all crafts must be built by the team; the maximum weight, including the pilot, is 180kg; all crafts must be pushed from the rear; chicken-wire, pyrotechnics, firecrackers and ropes are not permitted; and all team-members must be over 16.

Revision Card – Colons and Semi-Colons in lists

Colons in lists

Colons can be used to introduce lists.
We use them if the list comes after an *independent clause*.

You may be required to bring many items: custard pies, a towel and a change of clothes.

I was most impressed by the following: the size of the beards, the range of styles and the care that was taken.

To be successful you should try your best, listen to instructions and have fun.

Colons are used
in formal
writing.

The **colon** comes after the independent clause.

We do not use a colon if the words before are not an independent clause.

'To be successful you should' is not an independent clause. We do not use a colon.

Semi-Colons in lists

Semi-colons can be used to separate items in lists.
We use them when it will make the list clearer.

The sights we saw amazed us: bright lights; babies, supported by their parents, in the centre of the arena; an enthusiastic, noisy, shouting crowd; and, watching carefully, a group of expert-looking judges.

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The **semi-colons** separate the four items:

- lights
- babies
- crowd
- judges

Without **semi-colons** it is not clear how many items there are.

When the items in a list already include commas, it helps to use semi-colons.

Crazy Competitions



World Beard and Moustache Championships



Black pudding throwing



Custard Pie throwing



Baby Crawling



Worm Charming



Toe Wrestling



Extreme Ironing



Hoop Rolling

Crazy Competition Rules

Black-Pudding Throwing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competitors have three turns each• Yorkshire Puddings, arranged in piles of a dozen, are the target• All throwing must be underarm
Custard-Pie Throwing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams, made up of four members, are drawn against each other• Every player, without exception, must throw with their left hand• A player who misses three times has points deducted
Baby-Crawling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Babies must be between six and twelve months old• Only one contest entry can be made per person, per contest• Babies, whilst competing, must be wearing nappies
Worm-Charming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each competitor to operate in a 3 by 3 metre plot• Duration of competition is 30 minutes, starting at 2.30pm• A piece of wood, smooth or notched, may be used to strike the handle of a garden fork
Toe-Wrestling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Players must remove shoes and socks before beginning• Toes must be linked, with feet flat, before wrestling• Rounds are played first with the right foot, then left, and right again if necessary
Extreme ironing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only ironing boards of the standard size, 1m long and 30cm wide, are allowed• The garment must be at least the size of a tea towel• Plastic, wooden or model irons are not permitted
Hoop-Rolling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams can be male, female or mixed• Teams are made up of five members• The hoops must be controlled using hands, sticks or feet

Competition Rules

Write the rules as a list – introduced with a colon and with semi-colons separating each item.

You could start 'The rules are as follows:'

A large rectangular area with a decorative orange and black zigzag border. Inside the border, there are 20 horizontal lines for writing, providing a space for the student to list the competition rules.