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What is the difference between; and:?

Semicolon (;): separates two independent clauses (two sentences) that are related.

Colon (:): gives more information about something, or start a list or a definition.

Worksheet

Work with a partner!