

## **Term: “Colons”**

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**Definition:** Since colons are a less permanent stop than periods, the use of a colon at the end of a complete sentence blends into the evidence. Please review colon rules when teaching this to students to make sure it is grammatically correct.

### **Example**

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“At the end of the novel, Grant asks Paul to explain Jefferson’s dignity to his family: ‘tell them he was the bravest in that room’ (p.225).”

### **Non-Example**

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“At the end, Grant is talking to Paul outside the school, and he replies something that Jefferson does. ‘But tell them he was the bravest in that room’ (p.225).”