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Hades, the Lord of Colons, Hyphens, and Dashes

Hades, God of the Underworld and Lord of Colons, Hyphens, and Dashes has been itching to get his blue claws on you: the heroes of the Grammatical Kingdom. But fear not! Use these easy-to-understand rules and you will triumph in the battle—this Friday!

Rule One: Use a colon to set off words in a list. A colon must follow an independent clause and may not come between a subject and its verb.

Ex. Hades has several allies: Pain, Panic, Meg, Nessus, and the Titans.

Directions: Write a sentence that uses a colon to offset a list.



Rule Two: Use a colon between hours and minutes in time.

Ex. 4:00 p.m.

Directions: Write a sentence that uses a colon between hours and minutes in time.

Rule Three: Use a colon after the greeting (salutation) of a business letter.

Ex. Dear Editor:

Directions: Make a list of companies or people you might send a business letter to.



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Rule Four: Use a colon to set off an important idea.

Ex. Direction: Read each sentence and find the adverb.

Directions: underline all examples of this colon-type on the previous page.

Practice: Stop Hades by putting colons in the correct place(s) of this business letter to Pandora.

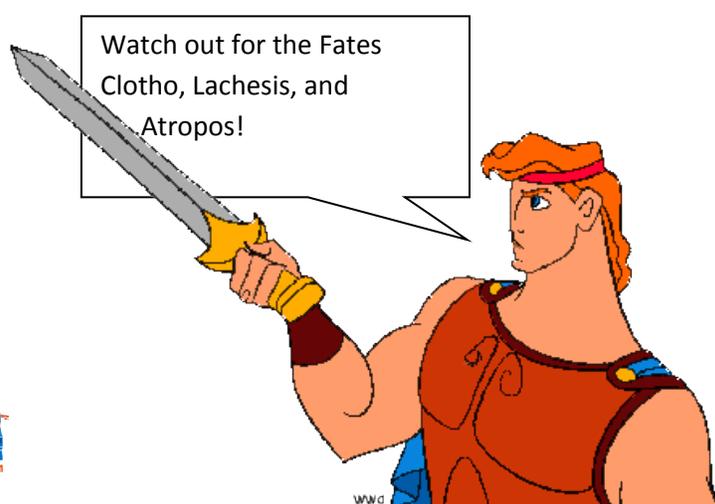
1. Ms. Pandora
2. Last night around 815 p.m., I saw you tempt death.
3. You prayed to me, God of the Dead, in many religions Catholic, Buddhism, Daoism
Islam, and Judaism.
4. I came to you and told you to follow these instructions swear your allegiance to me.
5. If you did this, I'd be more than happy to give you what it is you want death.



Give us back our weapon
of power the eye.



On December 12, 2012 at 12 00a.m.
the world will end!



Watch out for the Fates
Clotho, Lachesis, and
Atropos!



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Directions: Stop Hades, the Lord of Colons, by putting colons in the following sentences.

1. To avoid the wrath of Hades, you can do the following things pray to him, offer him goods, and build temples in his honor.
2. Dear Mount Olympus , Hades wrote. It is clear that you no longer respect my awesome power...
3. "Hello," Hades hollered, "I'm supposed to rearrange the cosmos by 500 p.m.!"
4. Pain and Panic sat down to their favorite meal eyeball stew with a side of fungus bread.
5. Meg, Hercules' girlfriend and slave of Hades, found herself in a difficult spot to help or not to help Hercules?
6. Pegasus carried Hercules and Phil, Hercules' trainer to Phebes city of a thousand problems.
7. The three brothers Zeus, God of the Sky, Poseidon, God of the Sea, and Hades, God of the Underworld constantly battle for the throne of Gods.
8. At 315 Pain and Panic need to give Cerebus, Hades' dog, a bath.
9. To Whom it may Concern
10. My name is Hades, and I hunger for something sweet revenge.

Well done, but remember even heroes need to double check their work!



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Rule One: Use a hyphen to divide a word when you run out of room at the end of a line. A word may be divided only between syllables. Single syllable words cannot be divided.

Ex. Hades was plotting the destruction of Zeus, his brother, when he was interrupted by Pain and Panic.

Directions: Write a sentence that extends the page and place a hyphen in the correct place.

Rule Two: Use a hyphen to form compound words, including numbers from twenty-one to ninety-nine.

Ex. Thirty-eight

Directions: place a hyphen in the compound words.

About face warm up time out

Down to earth ice skating high rise

Thirty three seventy seven

Rule Three: Use a hyphen to create new words beginning with the prefixes *self*, *ex*, *all*, and *great*. A hyphen is also used with suffixes such as *elect*, *like* and *free*.

Ex. Meg, now Hades' ex-slave, ran to the aid of Hercules.

Directions: place a hyphen in new words.

Self destructive ex friend mayor elect monster like

Ex president self esteem germ free



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Rule Four: Use a hyphen to join linked words together, especially if they are being used together as an adjective.

Ex. Fire-breath Hades threw a temper tantrum as Hercules defeated him once again.

Directions: Fill in the blank. Make sure to put a hyphen in the correct place.

_____ face was not just ugly; he was considered a modern day monster!

Practice: Stop Hades by correctly placing hyphens in the following sentences.

1. "Well if it isn't Jerkules, the boy wonder," the others boys taunted!
2. To some, it may look like Hades was getting tired, but his brother knew he was in the middle of his warm up.
3. That devil may care attitude won't get you far!
4. The fates spun a mortal's strand of life in their claw like fingers.
5. The Underworld is a vortex of lost souls, constantly churning in a river of death, only to be saved by Chiron: the boat man.



Keep it up! Together we can stop Hades, that hot headed villain!

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Directions: Stop Hades, the Lord of Hyphens, by putting hyphens in the following sentences.



1. Guest number thirty five was not excited to visit the Underworld.
2. She had snake like hair that reminded Hades of Medusa, the Gorgon.
3. After Meg was dumped by her boyfriend for another girl, she lost her self esteem and sold her soul to Hades.
4. Because Hercules didn't drink the last of Hades' position, he still retained his god like strength.
5. Meg, Hercules girlfriend and slave of Hades, found herself in a diffi cult spot: to help or not to help Hercules?
6. Phil, an ex trainer of Heroes, is impressed with Hercules' strength and decides to help.
7. Hercules sings a song, "I can go the Distance," while trying to prove to his father, Zeus, and the other Gods, he has heroic type qualities.
8. After defeating his ninety ninth monster, Hercules wonders when enough will be enough.
9. In an I'm sorry but not really letter, Hades tries to explain to his brother why he freed the Titans.
10. Pegasus has always been down to earth: a quality Hercules needs in his life.



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Rule One: Use a dash (--) to show a sudden break in the sentence.

Ex. Hercules came down with a cold, had a few bruised ribs, and a black eye—all because he didn't listen to Phil's advice.

Directions: Correctly place a dash in the following sentence.

“We'll be outside all afternoon don't forget the sunscreen,” Panic warned Pain.

Rule Two: Use a dash to **emphasize or explain a word, a series of words, a phrase, or a clause.**

Ex. A sword and shield—crucial weapons to defeat the hydra—would be handy right about now.

Directions: Write a sentence using the dash to emphasize a word or phrase.

Rule Three: Use a dash to show that someone's speech is being interrupted by another person.

Ex. Well—yes, I understand—no, I remember—oh—okay, thank you!

Directions: Write a sentence where someone's speech is being interrupted by another person. Use the dash to show the interruptions.

Practice: Stop Hades by correctly placing dashes in the following sentences.

1. Hades said, “They were going I mean *are* going to die!”
2. “I don't let's just wait calm down.” Pain tried to talk to Panic.
3. This is Pegasus the gift for Hercules from his father.



Stop correcting my sentence
you wanna be heroes! You
don't stand a chance against
me! I will I mean I'm going to
destroy you!



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Directions: Stop Hades, the Lord of Dashes, by putting dashes in the following sentences.

1. The new fabric introduced at the Olympus fashion show two years ago has becomes Hades' favorite.
2. Hades fell for Medusa: Her lips, her hair, her eyes they were all perfect.
3. In eighteen years from today precisely, the planets will align ever so nicely.
4. The Hydra's heads kept multiplying each time Hercules chopped one off all because he didn't listen to Phil's directions.
5. Yes, I understand no, Sir it won't happen I know okay, thank you.
6. The effects of Hades' potion turning a God mortal are something to fear!
7. "Good morning! Here are your oops eggs," Pain said to Hades as he tripped into his bedroom.
8. This Hercules' sword the sword of Truth.
9. I don't let's just wait hold on!"
10. Hercules had to ford the River Styx, subdue Cerebus, and get past the Fates all before he took on Hades.



HW 3

