

# PUNCTUATION EXERCISE

Some punctuation is missing in this paragraph. Correct it with what you think is the correct punctuation.

As in all wars however feeding the troops was often a challenge especially during active fighting in the fronts. During World War I responsibility for food and supplies fell to the Quartermaster Corps which implemented a number of innovations to address the particular situation in France in 1918. One of the more significant innovations was the creation of Field Bakeries that could provide fresh hot and nutritious food to the soldiers. Field bakeries meant the end of reliance on that old staple of armies in the field hard tack. In essentially every area of the line at some time or other each side would adopt an unofficial truce while breakfast was served and eaten. This truce often extended to the wagons which delivered the soldiers sustenance. Truces such as these seldom lasted long invariably a senior officer would hear of its existence and quickly stamp it out. Nevertheless it persisted throughout the war and was more prevalent in quieter sectors of the line. A British comedy blackadder goes forth joked about food when the character Private Baldrick asks would you like some rat au vin to help you think?

# GRAMMAR TIPS

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Colons are cool: use them like they're hot!



## WHEN TO USE COLONS:

1. To start the beginning of a list
2. To separate hours, minutes, and seconds when recording the time (Example: 10:30AM)
3. In a play to divide the speaker from the text (Example: *Aladdin: I can show you the world.*)
4. After the salutation in a business letter (Example: *To Whom It May Concern:* )
5. To separate a subtitle of a book (Example: *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*)

## A COUPLE MORE EXAMPLES:

- Please get these things for me at the market: eggs, butter, bacon, and pop tarts. Thanks!
- The best things in life are free: love, friendship, air, and peace.