

Lesson 5: Missing Punctuation

Our writing is improving in Year 4, but sometimes many of us are still missing out basic punctuation from our sentences. Today we're going to remind ourselves how to use some of the punctuation that we have looked at so far, then try to correct a paragraph that has missing punctuation.

CAPITAL LETTERS:

Our old favourite! We must always use capital letter AT THE START OF A NEW SENTENCE. Also, don't forget that PROPER NOUNS always need a capital letter, so names of people and places. Titles of books/films and other things also need a capital letter.

FULL STOPS:

Use a full stop at the end of a sentence. The only time you don't do this is if you are replacing the full stop with a question mark or exclamation mark. Otherwise, ALWAYS END YOUR SENTENCE WITH A FULL STOP!

COMMAS:

You will learn more about using commas in Year 5, but there are a few things we already know. Remember when we learned about clauses? Commas are sometimes before those conjunctions to separate two clauses in a sentence, like this:

I had chips and beans for dinner, but I didn't really enjoy it today.

If your sentence includes a fronted adverbial, use a comma after it, like this:

Creeping stealthily towards its prey, the creature prepared its claws for battle!

They are also used to separate items in a list, apart from the last to when you use 'and':

Mrs Bennet had English, maths, spelling, history, science and topic books to mark.

QUESTION MARKS:

This sounds obvious, but if your sentence is a question...use a question mark!!

Your task!

Here is a paragraph with lots and lots of punctuation mistakes! You need **to re-write the paragraph** in your home learning books, but make corrections so that any capital letters, full stops, question marks and commas are in the right place. Only two full stops have been done for you! This is not as easy as it sounds and you will need to check your work carefully after you have written it. GOOD LUCK!

it was finally the day of the match the sun was out and everyone was looking forward to it karl felt nervous he walked to the dressing room with his team mates bobby carly christopher andrea and phillip. was he good enough to play would he have a chance against this team phillip gave him a high 5 to relax him. running confidently on to the pitch karl was ready for action

If you managed to complete that, make the corrections in these sentences:

- 1) to make a chocolate cake you will need sugar flour butter eggs baking powder and lots of chocolate
- 2) it was a strange sight in the distance there was a huge hand reaching into windows on the street it was the BFG
- 3) have you ever wondered how many people live in the UK