

comma splice or comma nice?

My father is a referee, he also plays for the local football team.

Sharon sold her art work on Ebay, she made an impressive profit.

GCSE exams are increasingly taken by adults, most schools offer evening classes.

Apostrophe or not?

The dog scratched its ear.

If you fail to complete your homework, you'll receive a detention.

Let's eat, grandma.

You're improving all the time!

Correct the spelling errors

tommorow

writting

auther

sentance

paragrah

writter

ajectives

alot

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Thinking about it.

Decided not to.

Match words to their meanings

protagonist, antagonist, soliloquy

A character who causes conflict for the heroine or hero in a narrative.

A speech which reveals a character's inner thoughts or feelings in a drama.

The main character in a narrative.

Punctuation pit-stop

Semi colons can be used to join two independent clauses which are about the same idea or topic.

E.g. Matt likes poetry; Chris prefers drama.

Now write and punctuate one of your own sentences with a semi-colon.

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Carrie liked basketball, she played it every weekend.

Rayhan struggled to do his homework, he was absent when it was taught.

Commas separate items in lists, they also separate clauses.

Apostrophe or not?

Now's the time for action!

"Where were you?" asked John.

Tomatoe's: 8 for £1.00

The door shut's by itself.

Correct the spelling errors

caracter
effectivly
begginning
enormouse
prescious
dissappear
frightned
monsterous

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Creeping along the corridor.

Unhappy with it.

Match words to their meanings

irate, listless, brazen

means to be bold and unashamed.

means lacking energy or enthusiasm.

means feeling great anger.

Punctuation pit-stop

Dashes can be used to modify the subject of a sentence:

E.g. The fairground – cold, wet and deserted in Winter – is heaving in summer.

Now write and punctuate one of your own sentences using a pair of dashes.

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Holly had travelled widely, visiting France, Spain, Germany and Italy.

Rayhan excelled in Food technology, he was an accomplished chef.

Dominic loved films, his favourite was The Hunger Games.

Apostrophe or not?

She will be here by ten o'clock.

"C'mon, hurry up!" rasped Mel.

Get your shoe's on – quick!

Correct the spelling errors

imediately
happend
eventually
ambulence
sincerly
dissapointed

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Uncertain what to write.

Squinting as she thought.

Match words to their meanings

courteous, hapless, jovial

means to be bright and cheerful.

means to be polite and respectful.

means to be unlucky or unfortunate.

Punctuation pit-stop

The exclamation mark is used to emphasise strong feelings or volume. Only one should ever be used at a time.

E.g. "Look out!" the boy cried.

Now write and punctuate one of your own using an exclamation mark.

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Camping can be fun, but only if the weather is warm.

I adore watching films at the cinema, it's such fun!

We went to the shop and bought sweets, chocolate and cans of Coke.

Apostrophe or not?

“What’s wrong with him?” she asked.

“I think its an alligator” he said.

Can’t you work it out?

Speed camera’s ahead.

Correct the spelling errors

partys
truble
mension
apeared
shoked
Shiela
engagment

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Twinkling in the moonlight.

Undisturbed for years.

Match words to their meanings

belligerent, monotonous, shoddy

means repetitive, lacking in interest.

means poor quality or poor behaviour.

means to be unfriendly or aggressive.

Punctuation pit-stop

The ellipsis can be used to create an intentional pause or a silence.

E.g. Dracula told Jonathan Harker, “I never drink ... wine.”

Now write and punctuate one of your own sentences using an ellipsis.

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Thinking about it, he was sure he had seen her somewhere before.

The lion, a skilful predator, stealthily stalked the antelope.

The antelope was nervous, it sensed danger and sprinted away.

Apostrophe or not?

Mr. Smiths Fruit's and Vegetables

Tea's, Coffee's and Snack's

HGV's no left turn ahead

Perfection has its price.

Correct the spelling errors

yeasterday

proberly

allways

beutiful

intresting

definatly

permenently

diffrent

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Drumming her fingers idly on the desk.

Waiting for the email.

Match words to their meanings

pensive, malicious, gullible

means intending to do harm.

means easily tricked or persuaded.

means to be in deep thought.

Punctuation pit-stop

The semi-colon can be used to separate items in a list, just like the comma.

E.g. Students need to bring: a pen; pencil; ruler; eraser and a sharpener.

Now write and punctuate one of your own sentences using semi-colons.

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Martin enjoyed foreign holidays, he liked city breaks too.

Paris, the capital city of France, is a popular tourist destination.

The student settled to the task, reflecting on her use of punctuation.

Apostrophe or not?

It was Johns fault.

The boys bags were missing.

Lets go to the beach!

It's a great day for flying kites.

Correct the spelling errors

belive
arguement
metaphore
similie
wierd
suprise
seperate
exsept

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Laughed wildly.

Spilling popcorn on the floor.

Match words to their meanings

duplicitous, shimmering, colossal

means a soft, wavering light.

means to be deceitful, untrustworthy.

means extremely large or great

Punctuation pit-stop

The dash can be used in dialogue to suggest hesitation or interruption

E.g. She began, "I was thinking –"
"I don't care!" he interrupted.

Now write and punctuate one of your own sentences using a dash.

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Despite repeated attempts, she failed her driving test yet again.

I like eating pizza, I prefer pasta.

The students, bright young things, could spot a comma splice a mile off!

Apostrophe or not?

The cat licked its paws.

Its amazing!

We're going to come, too.

The party is at Sarah's house.

Correct the spelling errors

experence

visious

recepshion

hollidays

genrally

refered

commited

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Swirling snowflakes.

Footsteps crunching.

Match words to their meanings

poignant, weary, tragic

* means extreme tiredness

* means deeply felt sadness or regret

* causing extreme distress or sorrow

Punctuation pit-stop

The colon can be used to introduce items in a list **or** an explanation.

E.g. The dog ate everything: chips, cold pizza, pretzels and dip, and hot dogs!

Now write a sentence of your own, using the colon to introduce a list.

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Holidays are marvellous, we should have more of them!

Fred, a warm-hearted soul, has eyes that seem to sparkle.

Crisps are quite fattening, they should be eaten in moderation.

Apostrophe or not?

Can I have some crisp's please?

Crisp's are made from potatoe's.

Theresa May's plan to leave Brexit was rejected several times.

Brexiters are people who are keen to leave the European Union.

Correct the spelling errors

noticable
oportunity
succesful
brekfast
freinds
allright
poeple
Febuary

Turn the fragments into two sentences

A remarkable talent.

Recognised around the world.

Match words to their meanings

sullen, embark, presume

means to think or believe something

means bad-tempered and sulky

means to begin a course of action

Punctuation pit-stop

The hyphen should be used in a **phrasal adjective** *before* a noun.

E.g. A **dog-friendly** hotel.

Now write a sentence of your own, using a hyphen in a phrasal adjective.

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Winter is my favourite season, I love waking up to snowfall.

The fairground, a kaleidoscope of coloured lights, drew a crowd of people like moths to a flame.

The match was nail-biting, it was decided on penalties.

Apostrophe or not?

Apostrophe's are a form of punctuation

Hour's crawled by like years.

Let's go to the cinema.

How's your grandad?

Correct the spelling errors

speach
necessary
recomend
comftable
thier
beautifull

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Shrieking with joy.

Presents unwrapped.

Match words to their meanings

selfless, conniving, apparition

means to be concerned for others

means a ghost or ghost-like image

means to behave in an immoral, illegal or harmful way.

Punctuation pit-stop

The ellipsis can be used to show a break, or trailing off, in thought.

E.g. "I never imagined ..." he began.

Now write a sentence of your own, using ellipsis to show a break, or trailing off, in thought.

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The Great Sphinx is in Egypt, it has a lion's body and a man's head.

The lighthouse of Alexandria is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, for centuries it was one of the tallest man-made structures in the world.

Apostrophe or not?

Thank God its Friday.

Let's end apostrophe abuse's.

No dog's allowed.

CD's and DVD's for sale.

Correct the spelling errors

calender

traveling

adress

accidently

acheivement

conciuous

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Sobbing heavily.

Wondering where it all went wrong.

Match words to their meanings

pompous, stealthy, infantile

means proud or self-important.

means childish or immature.

means behaving in a cautious manner so as not to be seen or heard.

Punctuation pit-stop

The colon can be used **between two independent clauses** when the second expands the idea of the first.

E.g. I didn't eat the sandwich: it had far too much mayonnaise on it.

Now write a sentence of your own, using a colon in this way.

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Hafsah enjoyed gardening, she spent most of her free time outside.

Hafsah, a keen gardener, spent most of her time outside.

Patrick was passionate about Macbeth, he loved to discuss it.

Apostrophe or not?

Haven't we done this one?

Ladie's toilet

Tattoo's and Body Art

No drink's allowed outside.

Correct the spelling errors

desparate

catagory

disasterous

firey

colum

equiptment

greatful

embarass

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Turning the door handle.

Amazed by the sight.

Match words to their meanings

callous, ambitious, spiteful

means to be cruel or unkind to others

means having a desire to succeed

means showing disregard for others

Punctuation pit-stop

The hyphen should be used in a **phrasal adjective** before a noun.

E.g. A **fun-loving** teenager.

Now write a sentence of your own, using a hyphen in a phrasal adjective.

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Holly enjoyed grime music, she preferred rap though.

The doctor, a tall woman in her fifties, had worked there for 19 years.

Ronaldo is a premier league footballer, he plays for Juventus.

Apostrophe or not?

Businesses open as usual.

Pies, Pasties and Sandwiches.

The girls were in trouble.

The girls coats were where they had left them.

Correct the spelling errors

cemetary

inteligent

potatos

medevil

publically

rythm

relevent

wether (or not)

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Whispering quietly.

Slowly turning the key.

Match words to their meanings

reckless, naïve, deceitful

means to be hasty and careless

means being dishonest

means a lack of experience or wisdom

Punctuation pit-stop

The ellipsis can be used to create an impression of hesitation in dialogue.

E.g. She began,
“To be honest, I’ve not ... told you the full story.”

Now write and punctuate one of your own sentences using an ellipsis like so.

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Stormzy's debut album was released in 2017, it was the first grime album to reach number 1 in the UK chart.

Ariana Grande, an American singer songwriter, released her debut album in 2013.

Apostrophe or not?

We're open on Sunday's

Who's books are these?

Who's coming to the party tomorrow?

Who'se bag is this?

Correct the spelling errors

playwrite

repetition

sceme

parliment

jewlry

simular

secretary

vehical

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Peering into the darkness.

Shivering with fear.

Match words to their meanings

benevolent, debilitated, condemned

means sentenced to a punishment

means well meaning and kind natured

means to be in a weakened state

Punctuation pit-stop

Dashes can be used to modify the subject of a sentence:

E.g. The beach – typically awash with holidaymakers – was deserted.

Now write and punctuate one of your own sentences using a pair of dashes.

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The statue of Zeus at Olympia, one of the seven wonders of the Ancient World, was destroyed in the fifth century AD.

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon is a wonder of the ancient world, it is believed to have been somewhere in modern day Iraq.

Apostrophe or not?

He'll meet us at four oclock.

Adams PE kit was found on the field.

Its been ages since we had pizza.

It's not yours, it's her's.

Correct the spelling errors

referred
committed
imediately
happend
dissappear
frightend
beleive
attension

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Watching him closely.

Flicking through the channels on TV.

Match words to their meanings

envious, prejudiced, conceited

means to be excessively proud.

means to be intolerant of someone or something.

means to be jealous.

Punctuation pit-stop

The colon can be used **between two independent clauses** when the second expands the idea of the first.

E.g. I didn't enjoy the film: it was far too violent for my tastes.

Now write a sentence of your own, using a colon in this way.

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The giant snored loudly, he was unaware of Jack's presence.

There are nine planets in the solar system, ours is the third from the Sun.

Short twitch muscle fibres give athletes explosive power, long twitch fibres provide stamina.

Apostrophe or not?

Why's our teacher not here today?

Their's are on the table.

There's a good chance it will rain.

They're not coming after all.

Correct the spelling errors

equiptment

greatful

intresting

definately

permenently

effectivly

begginning

acomodation

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Gazing out to sea.

Drifting across the sky.

Match words to their meanings

obstinate, petulant, irksome

means stubborn

means to be sulky and bad-tempered

means annoying or irritating

Punctuation pit-stop

Semi colons can be used to join two independent clauses which are about the same idea or topic.

E.g. Carol enjoys reading; Adyan prefers to paint.

Now write and punctuate one of your own sentences with a semi-colon.

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Steven Gerrard, now retired, spent most of his career at Liverpool football club.

Ryan Giggs is a Welsh football coach, he spent his entire footballing career at Manchester United.

Apostrophe or not?

Lets get going, shall we?

They could've hidden it.

Whats for tea, dad?

Its her's, isn't it?

Correct the spelling errors

probaly

belive

certen

arguements

opions

sentances

writer

docter

Turn the fragments into two sentences

Glancing at her wristwatch.

Moving to the rhythm.

Match words to their meanings

futile, dismal, inferior

means gloomy or depressing.

means lower in rank, status or quality.

means pointless or without a hope.

Punctuation pit-stop

The exclamation mark is used to emphasise strong feelings or volume. Only one should ever be used at a time.

E.g. "That's incredible!" he announced.

Now write and punctuate one of your own using an exclamation mark.