

Key Rules to Remember

- Capital letters and full stops: every sentence starts with a capital letter and statements end with a full stop.
- Question marks and exclamation marks: use a question mark (?) for a direct question and an exclamation mark (!) for strong feeling.
- Commas in lists: use a comma to separate items in a list (e.g. apples, pears and bananas).
- Apostrophes: use an apostrophe to show ownership (the dog's lead / the dogs' lead) or a missing letter (don't).
- Inverted commas: use speech marks to show the exact words someone says, with a capital letter to start the speech.

Section A — Punctuation Choices

Choose the punctuation mark that correctly completes each sentence. Underline your answer.

1. The bell rang loudly at exactly nine o'clock____

Which punctuation mark is needed?

- A) ,
- B) .
- C) !
- D) ?

2. Is it my turn yet____

Which punctuation mark is needed?

- A) !
- B) ?
- C) .
- D) ,

3. What a fantastic goal that was____

Which punctuation mark is needed?

- A) .
- B) ?
- C) !
- D) ,

4. Please pass me the salt____ the pepper____ and the bread.

Which punctuation mark is missing twice from this list?

- A) Full stops
- B) Commas
- C) Question marks
- D) Apostrophes

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5. The cat___s bowl was empty.

Which punctuation mark is missing to show the bowl belongs to the cat?

- A) A comma
- B) An apostrophe
- C) A full stop
- D) An exclamation mark

Section B — Fix It

Each sentence has one mistake. Rewrite it correctly on the line below.

1. the class walked quietly into the assembly hall

2. Have you finished your homework yet.

3. Watch out for that falling branch.

4. We need pencils rulers and rubbers for the test.

5. The childrens' books were stacked neatly on the shelf.

Section C — Choose the Best

Underline your answer.

1. Which sentence begins and ends correctly?

- A) the sun set behind the hills.
- B) The sun set behind the hills
- C) The sun set behind the hills.
- D) The Sun set behind the hills.

2. Which sentence is punctuated correctly as a question?

- A) Where is my library book.
- B) Where is my library book?
- C) where is my library book?
- D) Where is my library book!

3. Which sentence uses an exclamation mark correctly to show strong feeling?

- A) I can't believe we won the cup!
- B) I can't believe we won the cup.
- C) I can't believe we won the cup?
- D) i can't believe we won the cup!

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4. Which sentence uses commas correctly to separate items in a list?
- A) I bought apples pears and bananas.
 - B) I bought apples, pears and bananas.
 - C) I bought apples pears, and bananas.
 - D) I bought, apples, pears, and, bananas.
5. Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly to show something belonging to more than one dog?
- A) The dogs bowl was empty.
 - B) The dog's bowl was empty.
 - C) The dogs' bowl was empty.
 - D) The dogs's bowl was empty.

Section D — Spot the Rule

Underline your answer.

1. Which punctuation mark is missing from this sentence?
- “Can you hear the thunder”
- A) A comma
 - B) A full stop
 - C) A question mark
 - D) An exclamation mark
2. Which sentence punctuates direct speech correctly?
- A) I love thunderstorms, said Zara.
 - B) “I love thunderstorms, said Zara.”
 - C) “I love thunderstorms,” said Zara.
 - D) I love thunderstorms” said Zara.
3. Why does “the boys' football” use an apostrophe after the s?
- A) It shows one boy owns the football
 - B) It shows a missing letter
 - C) It shows more than one boy owns the football
 - D) It is not needed at all
4. Which sentence needs a comma to separate items in a list?
- A) She packed a torch a map and a compass.
 - B) She packed a torch.
 - C) She packed a torch and a map.
 - D) She packed her torch carefully.
5. Which type of sentence always ends with a full stop, not a question mark or exclamation mark?
- A) A question
 - B) A statement
 - C) An exclamation
 - D) A command showing strong feeling

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Section E — Final Practice

Underline your answer.

1. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
 - A) my brother plays the drums.
 - B) My brother plays the drums
 - C) My brother plays the drums.
 - D) My Brother plays the drums.
2. Which sentence uses a question mark correctly?
 - A) Is it raining outside?
 - B) Is it raining outside.
 - C) is it raining outside?
 - D) Is it raining, outside?
3. Which sentence uses commas correctly?
 - A) For breakfast I ate toast eggs and beans.
 - B) For breakfast, I ate toast, eggs and beans.
 - C) For breakfast I ate toast, eggs, and, beans.
 - D) For breakfast, I ate toast eggs, and beans.
4. Which sentence shows the correct use of an apostrophe for a missing letter?
 - A) Dont forget your coat.
 - B) Don't forget your coat.
 - C) Do'nt forget your coat.
 - D) Dont' forget your coat.
5. Which sentence punctuates direct speech correctly?
 - A) "Hurry up," shouted Mr Patel, "the bus is leaving!"
 - B) Hurry up, shouted Mr Patel, the bus is leaving!
 - C) "Hurry up shouted Mr Patel the bus is leaving!"
 - D) "Hurry up," shouted Mr Patel the bus is leaving!