

**YEAR 5**

Punctuation: Find the Mistake

Fifteen questions in GL format. Each sentence is cut into four lettered groups. Find the group holding the punctuation mistake and write its letter, or **N** if there is no mistake. Read each one out loud in your head: your ear finds missing commas faster than your eye does.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Score: _____

Set A*Apostrophes, speech marks and missing commas.*

- 1 **A** Mention the word hippo **B** and you will probably think **C** of a cute but **D** robust animal
- 2 **A** But how accurate is this. **B** Hippos look like they **C** have tough skin when, **D** in fact, their skin is sensitive.
- 3 **A** Hippo sweat has **B** special properties **C** to protect the skin **D** from the suns harmful rays.
- 4 **A** The same fluid, **B** red in **C** colour also moisturises **D** and serves as an antibiotic.
- 5 **A** Its true that **B** hippos are omnivores, **C** but do not let **D** yourself be fooled.
- 6 **A** They are not gentle creatures **B** and can be quite dangerous, **C** especially given the speed **D** they can reach.
- 7 **A** "Where are you going" **B** asked Mum, **C** reaching for **D** her coat.
- 8 **A** We packed sandwiches **B** apples, crisps **C** and two flasks **D** of hot tea.

Set B

Two sentences run together is the most common mistake of all.

- 1 **A** The match was postponed **B** because of the weather **C** the pitch was **D** completely waterlogged.
- 2 **A** My brothers bicycle **B** has a puncture **C** in the front **D** tyre.
- 3 **A** After a long walk, **B** we stopped at a cafe **C** and ordered two **D** hot chocolates.
- 4 **A** "Don't forget your coat" **B** said Dad **C** as he opened **D** the front door.
- 5 **A** The dogs were barking **B** loudly however **C** nobody came **D** to the door.
- 6 **A** She asked whether **B** the shop was open **C** on Sundays? **D** It was not.
- 7 **A** London, which is **B** the capital of England **C** is home to **D** nearly nine million people.