



YEAR 5

Punctuation and Sentences

Punctuation is the easiest place to lose marks in an English paper and the easiest to fix. Read every sentence out loud before you write anything down.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____

Punctuate the sentence

Copy the sentence out with the punctuation put in. The words do not change.

1 where are you going asked mum
one question, one speaker

2 its raining so well take the bus
two apostrophes

3 we bought apples pears bread and milk
a list

4 the dog barked loudly it had seen a fox
two sentences, not one

5 dont forget your coat said dad its cold
speech, twice

6 after the film ended we walked home
a comma after the opening clause

Sentence or not?

A sentence needs someone or something doing something.

1 Is this a sentence? **Running down the hill.**

2 Is this a sentence? **The cat slept.**

3 Is this a sentence? **Because it was raining.**

4 Is this a sentence? **Stop!**

5 Join with a comma and a connective: **It was late. We went home.**

6 Join using a semicolon: **The sky darkened. Rain began to fall.**

Apostrophes

Two jobs only: something is missing, or something belongs to someone.

1 Add the missing apostrophe: **the boys football boots** (one boy)

2 Add the missing apostrophe: **the boys football boots** (several boys)

3 Add the missing apostrophe: **the childrens playground**

4 Which is correct: **its** or **it's**? ___ been a long day.

5 Which is correct: **its** or **it's**? The dog wagged ___ tail.

6 Which is correct: **your** or **you're**? ___ going to be late.