

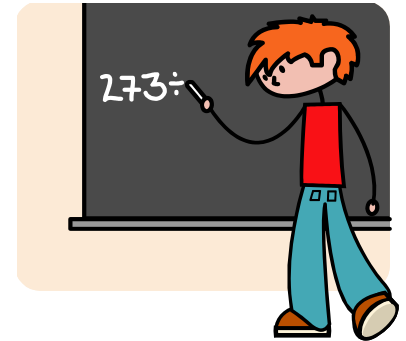
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Key Skills



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Objectives:

- **Reading:** To learn to recognise how punctuation helps readers to clearly understand a text.
- **Writing:** To learn how to use a range of punctuation to ensure that writing is clear and communicative.

Punctuation Problems?

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though by magic the sprite appeared
what is your will master he asked fetch
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flower called love in idleness puck ever
curious asked why his master wanted it
squeeze the flowers juice on sleeping
eyelids the king of the fairies explained
and they will fall in love with the next
person they see ill fly around the world
in forty minutes puck promised and find
that flower for you*

Punctuation Perfection

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As though by magic the sprite appeared.*

“What is your will, master?” He asked.

*“Fetch me a flower!” Oberon ordered a little
flower called ‘Love in Idleness’.*

*Puck ever curious asked why his master
wanted it.*

*“Squeeze the flower’s juice on sleeping
eyelids,” the king of the fairies explained and
they will fall in love with the next person they
see!”*

*“ I’ll fly around the world in forty minutes,”
Puck promised, “and find that flower for you.”*

What is Punctuation?

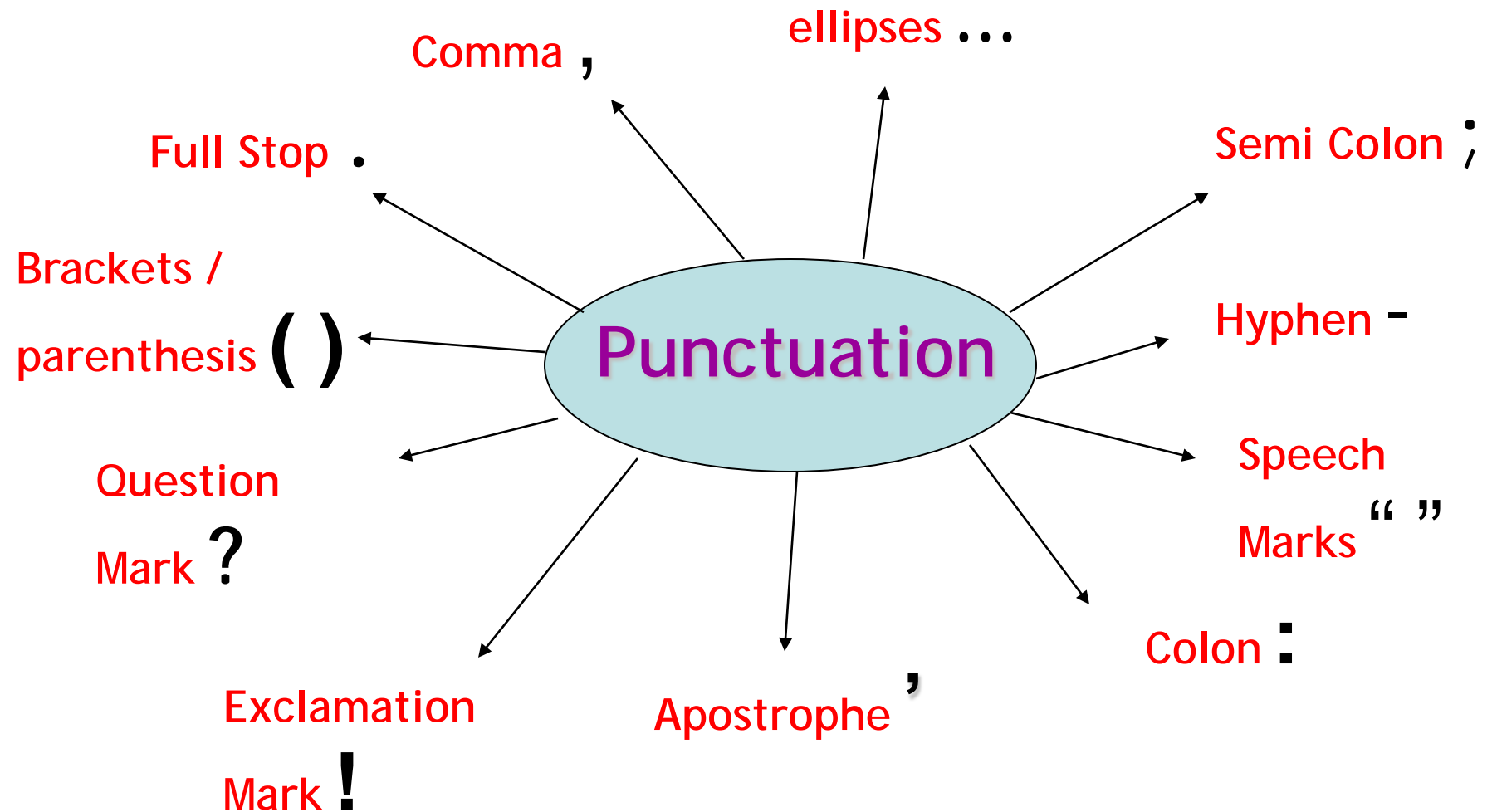
Punctuation is the use of symbols such as full stops (.), commas (,) and question marks (?) that are used to make meaning clearer for the reader.

You need to be able to use a wide range of punctuation marks to gain a level 5.

In pairs, spend five minutes thinking of as many punctuation marks as you can and feed back your thoughts to the class.

Can you think of more than 10?

Punctuation Marks



A Punctuation Predicament

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Another Punctuation Problem

Rewrite the following passage but divide it into properly punctuated sentences.

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Check Your Understanding

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