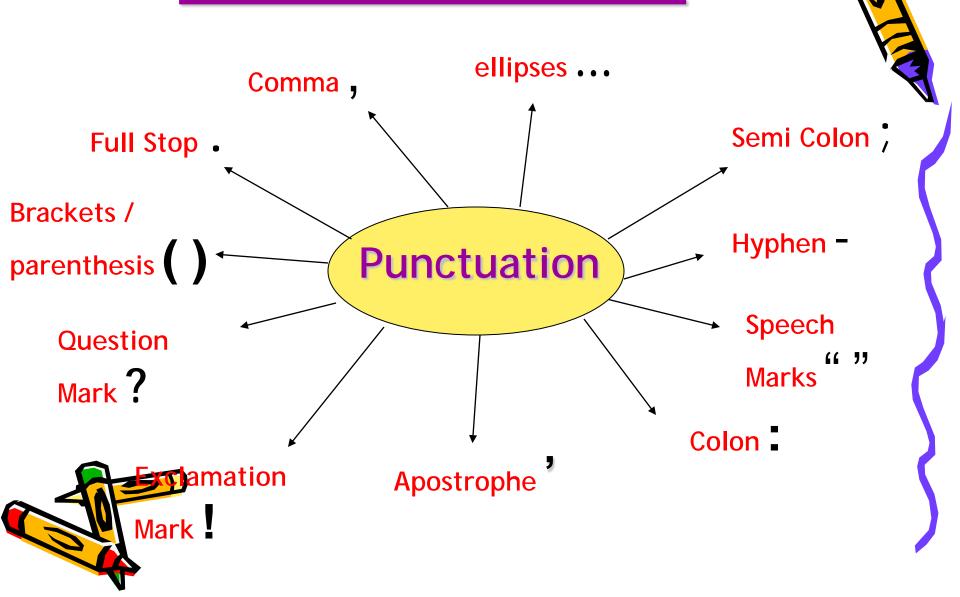


Punctuation

Making Sense of Writing



Punctuation Marks



Capital Letters

- We need these to begin a new sentence.
- For proper nouns which are the names of people, places, book and film titles
- Days of the week and months of the year.



Correction Exercise

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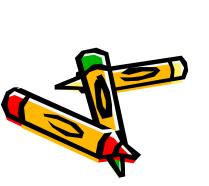




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Why do we need full stops?

- Full stops are needed to divide up sentences so that we know where to pause.
- They are used when we have finished saying one thing, and we are going on to say something else.
- A sentence is something that makes sense on its own and does not need any 'extra information.' to help us understand
 Amplete thought.

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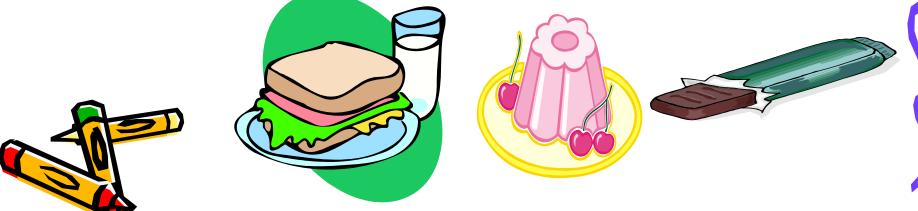
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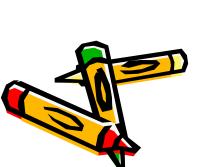




Commas

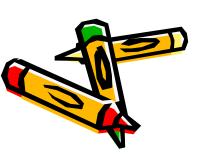
- We need commas to separate items in a list.
- She had a ham sandwich, a drink, a jelly and a chocolate bar for lunch.





Any other reason for commas?

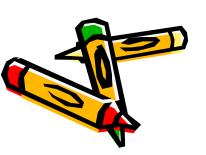
- We also use commas to separate clauses in longer sentences.
- The boy was playing with a football.
 The football had been signed by Wayne Rooney.
- The boy was playing with a football, it had been signed by Wayne Rooney.



 Copy out the paragraphs and put in the capital letters, full stops and commas.

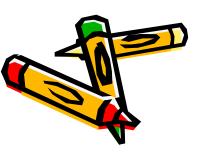
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Question marks

 Of course we use question marks when a question is asked. This often occurs when characters use speech.



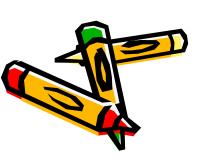


Speech marks

- We let the reader know when someone is speaking by putting speech marks around the spoken words.
- "I will be on TV some day," announced Jimmy. "Just you wait!"
- " opens speech

" closes speech But there is always another punctuation mark BEFORE"

Remember new speaker = new line



Exclamation marks!

 Exclamation marks are used to emphasise meaning. It could be to:-

· Give a word more strength

Show someone is shouting

Add a sense of urgency





What shall we do now?

- First you must use capitals and full stops. Read through out your work. Identify each sentence.
- Do you start each sentence with a capital letter?
- Have you used a capital for proper nouns?
- · Check if you have long sentences or lists that need dividing up with commas.
- · Have you used any questions? What do you need?
- Have you shown when a character is speaking?
- Do you wish to emphasise any words?
- Does your character shout at all? How will you show this?