

Thursday 21st May

L.K: Punctuating sentences

Punctuation is very important and the way in which we use it can change our sentences quite a lot! For example, just by changing the placing of a comma, the sentence:

“Let’s eat, George!”

Becomes...

“Let’s eat George!”

In the first sentence, **because the comma was placed properly**, you are going to have some lunch with your friend George.

In the second sentence, **without that important comma**, George has become the lunch.

Complete the questions below that will test your grammatical knowledge. All of these forms of punctuation have been covered this year and we’ve completed this exercise as a starter many times!

- 1) Write a sentence that includes a pair of brackets.
- 2) Write a sentence with a fronted adverbial.
- 3) Write a sentence that uses direct speech (HINT: “ ”).
- 4) Write a descriptive sentence about a dragon that uses a synonym for the word “scary”.
- 5) Now write a sentence about a marshmallow that includes an antonym for the word “hard”.
- 6) Can you change the synonyms and antonyms from questions 4 and 5 to different words that mean the same thing? Rewrite the sentences with the new words below.
- 7) Why are full stops important? Give an example.
- 8) Change the following words to make them plurals (this means that there are more than one!)
 - a) child
 - b) butterfly
 - c) unicorn
 - d) kettle
- 9) Apostrophes for possession is where we add an apostrophe to say that the object or thing belongs to somebody. For example, “Mark’s bedroom”. There is only one Mark, but this is his bedroom and so the apostrophe for possession is placed to show this. Change the sentences below to include an apostrophe for possession. You may need to change some words.
 - a) The childrens bedroom
 - b) Samanthas snake
 - c) Thomas book
 - d) Geoffreys football

10) Finally, read the paragraph below and rewrite it to include the missing punctuation.

There could be full stops, capital letters, commas, apostrophes etc missing. See how many you can find and ask someone at home to read it over for you so that it can be checked!

guster the dragon lay in the mouth of his cave he itched his back itched and his belly itched his fingers and his toes itched even his eyes and ears and nose itched it was unbearable guster felt like this every autumn while the leaves on the trees flushed into their autumn finery guster's green summer scales slowly changed to copper this was a mountain dragon trick which kept them safe from human eyes humans couldn't spot green scales against the grass red scales against autumn leaves or white scales against snow guster thought that humans must be very stupid guster rolled on the rocky ground he scratched his back and scraped his shoulders his head wriggled and his legs flailed it did no good if only there were some way to soothe his scaly skin guster twisted to his feet ma he yelled into the darkness i'm going swimming