

Year 6
Grammar -
G5
Punctuation

Capital letter and full stop

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

The athlete won four gold medals at the olympic games in London.

The athlete won four Gold Medals at the Olympic Games in London.

The athlete won four Gold medals at the Olympic games in London.

The athlete won four gold medals at the Olympic Games in London.

1 mark

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

We went to manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party.

we went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party.

We went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party.

We went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's Party.

1 mark

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

We are going to see a Play by Shakespeare.

There is a new Doctor at the local Hospital.

There is a Class Visit to the museum next week.

He is trying to swim the English Channel.

1 mark

Insert **full stops** and **capital letters** in the passage below so it is punctuated correctly.

Declan has always been fascinated by animals he has read many books about exotic creatures jellyfish interest him the most and he would like to study them when he is older

1 mark

Circle each word that should begin with a **capital letter** in the sentence below.

the island called zanzibar is in the indian ocean off the coast of africa.

1 mark

Circle each word that should begin with a **capital letter** in the sentence below.

when we visited the museum in birmingham, gareth arranged to travel by train with aunt laura.

1 mark

Insert **full stops** and **capital letters** in the passage below so it is punctuated correctly.

Frogs are amphibians they live on land but they lay their eggs in water their eggs are called frogspawn during the winter, frogs hibernate at the bottom of ponds or in compost heaps

1 mark

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

In July, I will visit my grandparents in newcastle.

In July, I will visit my Grandparents in Newcastle.

In July, I will visit my grandparents in Newcastle.

In july, I will visit my grandparents in Newcastle.

1 mark

Question mark

Tick the option that must end with a **question mark**.

Tick **one**.

What we ate for dinner was very unusual

Can you guess what we ate for dinner

Ask me what we ate for dinner

I will tell you what we ate for dinner

1 mark

Which sentence must end with a **question mark**?

Tick **one**.

What happened that day might never be known

What really happened that day

Someone must know what really happened that day

I'd like to know what happened that day

1 mark

Tick the sentence that must end with a **question mark**.

Tick **one**.

The teacher asked them what they were doing

I wonder what time the next train arrives

Did she play tennis on your team last year

He asked if he could use my pen

1 mark

Which sentence must end with a **question mark**?

Tick **one**.

Shall we go round the fitness trail in the park

We could go tomorrow if you like

What I really like is the rope bridge

Let me know what you would like to do

1 mark

Which sentence must end with a **question mark**?

Tick **one**.

Do you know how long it took for the trees to grow

We have planted rose bushes around the trees

How beautiful the flowers will be

I will ask my teacher if I can show you

1 mark

Exclamation mark

Which sentence must **not** end with an **exclamation mark**?

Tick **one**.

What a hilarious film that was

I loved the opening scene

Was the ending funny

I have never laughed so much

1 mark

Which sentence must **not** end with an **exclamation mark**?

Tick **one**.

You really must wear a coat

What a dreadful day I had

What is the temperature now

The wind is very strong today

1 mark

Inserting punctuation

Insert a **full stop**, a **question mark** and an **exclamation mark** in the correct places in the sentence below.

“ Did you see that goal I thought it was incredible ”

exclaimed Elle

1 mark

Commas in a list

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Joe went upstairs, turned on his computer
took out his homework and started.

Joe went upstairs turned on his computer,
took out his homework, and started.

Joe went, upstairs turned on his computer,
took out his homework, and started.

Joe went upstairs, turned on his computer,
took out his homework and started.

1 mark

Add two **commas** to the sentence below to make it clear that Ana
has four favourite things.

Ana's favourite things are camping holidays cycling and swimming.

1 mark

Add three **commas** in the correct places in the sentence below.

She wore a dark red skirt a woollen jumper a scarf with
matching hat thick socks and black boots.

1 mark

Which sentence uses **commas** correctly?

Tick **one**.

The band will perform at concerts in Belfast,
Manchester, Birmingham, Nottingham and, Sheffield.

The children could choose to play netball, cricket,
hockey or tennis.

Owls badgers, hedgehogs and bats are all nocturnal
animals.

Painting, drawing, sculpture and print-making, were
all options on the art day.

1 mark

Apostrophe – contraction and possession

Circle the word in the passage that contains an **apostrophe** for **possession**.

It's five o'clock. Let's leave early and we'll be able to go to Emma's house first.

1 mark

Tick one box in each row to show whether the apostrophe is used for a **contracted form** or **possession**.

Sentence	Apostrophe for a contracted form	Apostrophe for possession
Where is Karen's pen?		
Joshua's hungry.		
Please get the dog's dinner.		
The cat's outside.		

1 mark

Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined noun is **singular** or **plural**.

	Singular	Plural
The <u>customers'</u> hunger was satisfied by the pizza.		
The <u>princess's</u> slippers were made of glass.		
Those are the <u>boys'</u> books.		

1 mark

Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the boxes below them.

Liam was not completely surprised at the knock on his door that

morning. In fact, he had been waiting for this particular visitor.

“It is good to see you,” he said, opening the door.

1 mark

Tick one box in each row to show if the statement about the **apostrophe** is **true** or **false**.

Sentence	The apostrophe shows that...	True	False
The boys' lunch was delicious.	there is only one boy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gina put out the cats' food.	there is more than one cat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The girl's party is this afternoon.	there is more than one girl.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The trees' leaves were green.	there is only one tree.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark

Which sentence uses an **apostrophe** correctly?

Tick **one**.

The car's horn beeps loudly.

The cars' horn beeps loudly.

The cars horn beep's loudly.

The cars horn beeps' loudly.

1 mark

Draw a line to match the first part of each sentence to the second part so that each sentence is correct.

The teachers

staffroom was full of books and old armchairs.

The teachers'

new mug was a present from her class.

The teacher's

were taking part in the school play.

1 mark

Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the boxes below.

If nobody is home, your parcel will not be delivered.

↓

↓

1 mark

Inverted commas

Tick two boxes to show where the missing **inverted commas** should go.

↓
↓ ↓
↓

Roman life was unlike modern life, the archaeologist said.

_____ **1 mark**

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Abdul called out, "will you come and help me?"

Abdul called out "Will you come and help me"

Abdul called out, "Will you come and help me"?"

Abdul called out, "Will you come and help me?"

_____ **1 mark**

Rewrite the sentence below as **direct speech**.
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

I asked her if she needed any help.

I asked, _____

_____ **1 mark**

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Our parents always say "work hard and do your best."

Our parents always say, "work hard and do your best."

Our parents always say, "Work hard and do your best."

Our parents always say "Work hard and do your best."

_____ **1 mark**

Insert the correct punctuation into the sentence below.

What time does the concert start whispered Dad as we took our seats.

1 mark

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

“Please take out your books, said the teacher calmly, and finish your poems.”

“Please take out your books,” said the teacher calmly, and finish your poems.

“Please take out your books”, said the teacher calmly, “and finish your poems”.

“Please take out your books,” said the teacher calmly, “and finish your poems.”

1 mark

Comma – after fronted adverbial

Insert **one** comma in the correct place in the sentence below.

Limping slightly the old man walked to the end of the road.

1 mark

Tick the option that correctly completes the sentence below.

_____ an official Olympic sport at the Winter Olympics in Japan.

Tick **one**.

In 1998 snowboarding became,

In 1998 snowboarding, became

In, 1998 snowboarding became

In 1998, snowboarding became

1 mark

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Lately, the days have been growing noticeably longer and, warmer.

Lately the days, have been growing noticeably longer and warmer.

Lately the days, have been growing noticeably longer, and warmer.

Lately, the days have been growing noticeably longer and warmer.

1 mark

Insert a **comma** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Although he was the youngest Tom was one of the tallest.

1 mark

Insert one **comma** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Every night Dad and my brother take the dog for a walk.

1 mark

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Nevertheless we, are going on Saturday.

Finally, I think I understand what you mean.

Considering, all his efforts the result was disappointing.

At the last, count there were twenty people coming.

1 mark

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

After he ate the lion lay down, and slept for many hours.

After he ate the lion, lay down and slept for many hours.

After he ate, the lion lay down and slept for many hours.

After he ate the lion lay down and slept, for many hours.

1 mark

Which sentence uses a **comma** correctly?

Tick **one**.

Sadly, the match had to be cancelled.

However, talented she will still need to work hard.

Therefore the answer, is obvious.

Before next weekend all our packing, must be finished.

1 mark

Brackets, dashes or commas for parenthesis

a) What is the **name** of the punctuation marks on either side of the words which was a spaniel in the sentence below?

Jay's dog (which was a spaniel) loved to play with its squeaky bone.

1 mark

b) What is the name of a **different** punctuation mark that could be used correctly in the same places?

1 mark

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres) away.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres away.)

The town is ten miles (16) kilometres away.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres away).

1 mark

Insert a **pair of commas** in the correct place in the sentence below.

I enjoy sitting in my bedroom even though it is quite small and listening to music.

1 mark

Insert a **pair of commas** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Jenna a very gifted singer won the talent competition that was held in her local theatre.

1 mark

Insert a **pair of commas** in the correct place in the sentence below.

My father who works at the museum gave my class a guided tour.

1 mark

Write the name of punctuation that could be used instead of commas in the sentence below.

Somehow, after much swaying and rocking, the tightrope walker managed to regain his balance.

1 mark

Which **two** sentences use punctuation to show **parenthesis**?

Tick **two**.

There are some books – including story books – in the cupboard.

To make space, we moved the chairs, tables and the boxes of games.

Our classroom, at the end of the corridor, has a red door.

On Tuesday, we will be selling cakes for charity.

1 mark

Insert a **pair of brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Using public transport such as buses and trains can reduce pollution.

1 mark

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

I will be running – a half marathon 13 miles next week!

I will be – running a half marathon – 13 miles next week!

I will be running a half marathon 13 – miles – next week!

I will be running a half marathon – 13 miles – next week!

1 mark

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick one.

Add one ounce (around one) tablespoon of yeast to your bread mix.

Add one ounce around one tablespoon of yeast (to your bread mix).

Add one ounce (around one tablespoon) of yeast to your bread mix.

Add one ounce around (one tablespoon) of yeast to your bread mix.

1 mark

Insert a pair of commas in the correct place in the sentence below.

The African elephant the largest land mammal in the world can weigh up to 6.6 tonnes.

1 mark

Insert a pair of dashes in the correct place in the sentence below.

The Caspian Sea which is a saltwater lake is the largest inland body of water in the world.

1 mark

Insert a pair of brackets in the correct place in the sentence below.

The players both former world champions waited at the side of the court.

1 mark

Insert a pair of commas in the correct place in the sentence below.

One of the world's most interesting plants the Venus flytrap catches its prey by snapping its leaves shut.

1 mark

Commas for clarity

Tick one box in each row to show whether the **commas** are used correctly in the sentence.

Sentence	Commas used correctly	Commas used incorrectly
The blackbird, which nests in sheltered places, lays several eggs at a time.		
Her hobbies include walking, gardening, sewing and reading.		
My bag filled, with chocolates and sweets fell onto the floor.		
My case is heavy because I have shoes, clothes, books, and a gift, for my friend in it.		

1 mark

a) Insert a **comma** in the sentence below to make it clear that **only** Sally and Bob went to the cinema.

After they left Jon Sally and Bob went to the cinema.

1 mark

b) Insert **commas** in the sentence below to make it clear that **all** three children went to the cinema.

After they left Jon Sally and Bob went to the cinema.

1 mark

Explain how the **comma** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

1. I asked if Jake Thomas and Lily were coming to the barbecue.
2. I asked if Jake, Thomas and Lily were coming to the barbecue.

1 mark

Explain how the **comma** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

1. We have cooked chicken soup and fresh bread.

2. We have cooked chicken, soup and fresh bread.

1 mark

Semi-colon, colon or dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses

Which sentence uses the **colon** correctly?

Tick **one**.

I bought several beach toys a bucket: a spade a ball and a kite.

I bought several beach toys a: bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.

I bought several beach toys: a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.

I bought several: beach toys, a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.

1 mark

Tick one box to show the correct place for a **colon** in the sentence below.

Tom needed to think carefully about his homework it

looked very difficult.

1 mark

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

There are two places that I have always wanted to visit the Arctic and Antarctica.

1 mark

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Joshua had mastered two new skateboarding skills he could do a perfect aerial jump and execute a complete 180 degree turn.

1 mark

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

There are Roman ruins near our village they are being excavated next week.

1 mark

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Come and see me tomorrow I will not have time to see you today.

1 mark

Which punctuation mark should be used in the place indicated by the arrow?

Josh was excellent at languages, he spoke French and Spanish.

Tick **one**.

comma

hyphen

full stop

semi-colon

1 mark

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Frank would like to go to Cornwall next summer he might also visit France in the spring.

1 mark

Tick the sentence that uses a **dash** correctly.

Tick **one**.

I find baking tricky – there are too many things to go wrong.

I find baking tricky there are too many things – to go wrong.

I find baking – tricky there are too many things to go wrong.

I find baking tricky there are – too many things to go wrong.

1 mark

Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below.

It was a very exciting lesson we learnt how parachutes work and designed one of our own.

1 mark

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

The man grabbed his coat – it looked cold and windy outside.

The man grabbed his coat it looked cold – and windy outside.

The man grabbed his coat it looked cold and windy – outside.

The man grabbed his coat it looked – cold and windy outside.

1 mark

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The suitcase was heavy the box was lighter but more awkward to carry.

1 mark

Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The story was exciting it was full of action and adventure.

1 mark

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Many fossils are not as big as people think some are so small that you need a microscope to see them.

1 mark

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

It was raining heavily she had lost her umbrella the week before.

1 mark

Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below.

I will not tell you any more about the film you'll have to see it
for yourself.

1 mark

Colon for a list

Which option is punctuated correctly?

Tick one.

He is famous for his innovative music: a mix of recorded noises, traditional instruments and songs.

He is famous for his innovative music. a mix of recorded noises, traditional instruments and songs.

He is famous for his innovative music; a mix of recorded noises, traditional instruments, and songs.

He is famous for his innovative music, (a mix of recorded noises, traditional instruments and songs).

1 mark

Hyphen

Which sentence uses the **hyphen** correctly?

Tick **one**.

The sugar-free lollies are available in three flavours.

The sugar-free-lollies are available in three flavours.

The sugar-free lollies are available in three-flavours.

The sugar free-lollies are available in three flavours.

1 mark

Insert two **hyphens** in the correct places in the sentence below.

The children have been busy cooking some healthy
sugar free snacks and learning some well known traditional
songs for visitors to enjoy.

1 mark

Tick one box to show where a **hyphen** is needed in the sentence below.

The class teacher praised the well behaved and helpful group of

year six children.

1 mark

Insert a **hyphen** in the correct place in the sentence below.

We were very busy in the run up to the school play.

1 mark

Insert a **hyphen** in the correct place in the sentence below.

There was a build up of litter around the bins in the
school playground.

1 mark

Inserting punctuation – commas with a hyphen, dash, colon or semi-colon

Insert a **comma** and a **dash** in the correct places in the sentence below.

Before we leave school our class wants to start a vegetable garden the first in our school's history.

1 mark

Insert one **hyphen** and one **comma** in the correct places in the sentence below.

My grandmother is a ballroom dancing champion poet and singer.

1 mark

Insert **two commas** and a **semi-colon** in the correct places in the passage below.

Last Wednesday we performed a play at school I invited my parents to come and watch. When I first went on stage I was so nervous that I nearly forgot my lines.

1 mark

Insert a **colon** and a **comma** in the correct places in the sentence below.

We are pleased to announce the three winners of the art competition Samir Ben and Ella.

1 mark