

Year 6
Grammar -
G5
Punctuation

Capital letter and full stop

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.

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

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

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

This year, we have been on a number of school trips my favourite was to the Science Museum because we saw some incredible experiments however, Elise preferred our visit to Colchester Castle

1 mark

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

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

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1 mark

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

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

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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

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

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

“ Have you finished eating your lunch ” asked Hannah

↑	↑	↑	↑
☐	☐	☐	☐

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

Which punctuation mark could be used at the end of the sentence below?

I can't wait to look after the school rabbit for the weekend

Tick **one**.

a question mark ☐

a comma ☐

an exclamation mark ☐

a colon ☐

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

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

We lifted up the log and found worms woodlice snails and slugs.

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

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

Apostrophe – contraction and possession

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

We shall not do that again!



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

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

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



1 mark

Replace the underlined words in the sentences below with their **expanded forms**.

We're going into town later, so I'll buy some bread then.



We won't be back late.



1 mark

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

Insert an **apostrophe** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Pupils coats should be hung on the pegs.

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

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.		
Gina put out the cats' food.	there is more than one cat.		
The girl's party is this afternoon.	there is more than one girl.		
The trees' leaves were green.	there is only one tree.		

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

Why is there an **apostrophe** in the sentence below?

Who's been eating my ice cream?

Tick **one**.

to show that who's is the contracted form of 'who is' ☐

to show singular possession ☐

to show that who's is the contracted form of 'who has' ☐

to show plural possession ☐

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

Explain how the position of the **apostrophe** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

1. What are your brother's favourite toys?
2. What are your brothers' favourite toys?

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

Inverted commas

Insert **inverted commas** in the correct places in the passage below.

I think it is over here ! shouted Reena , pointing at the map .

Follow me !

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

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

☐
↓☐ ☐
↓ ↓☐
↓

Roman life was unlike modern life, the archaeologist said.

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.”

☐

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☐

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☐

Our parents always say “Work hard and do your best.”

☐

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

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

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

Which sentence uses a comma after a **fronted adverbial**?

Tick **one**.

We studied the menu at the noisy, crowded ice cream parlour.

☐

When the waitress came over, I asked which flavours were the most popular.

☐

I chose chocolate, Mum chose strawberry and Dad chose vanilla.

☐

My ice cream was covered in nuts, chocolate chips and toffee sauce.

☐

1 mark

Brackets, dashes or commas for parenthesis

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

Our class visited a castle the oldest in the country to help us
with our history project.

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

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 **brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The highest mountain in Great Britain is Ben Nevis 1,344 metres
in Scotland.

1 mark

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

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

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 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

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

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

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

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

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 sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Swimming, which strengthens muscles in the arms, and legs is great exercise.

☐

Swimming, which strengthens muscles in the arms and legs, is great exercise.

☐

Swimming which strengthens muscles, in the arms and legs, is great exercise.

☐

Swimming which strengthens, muscles in the arms and legs, is great exercise.

☐

1 mark

What punctuation could be used instead of **brackets** in the sentence below?

Tokyo (the capital of Japan) is one of the largest cities in the world.

Tick **one**.

hyphens

☐

colons

☐

semi-colons

☐

dashes

☐

1 mark

Commas for clarity

- 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

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

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

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

1. Did you call Raheem?

2. Did you call, Raheem?

1 mark

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

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

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

We have been learning about the Vikings they were a
fascinating civilisation.

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

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

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

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

We saw various animals on our evening walk badgers, foxes, mice and an owl.

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

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

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 **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

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

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

I must repair my backpack the zip is broken and I need it for
our camping trip.

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

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

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.

At the museum, we enjoyed dressing up in the old fashioned costumes and fancy hats.

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

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

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

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