

# Punctuation

1 Tick the sentence below that uses an **apostrophe** correctly.

Tick **one**.

The children's pet rabbit escaped from its hutch.

The childrens' pet rabbit escaped from its hutch.

The childrens pet rabbit escaped from it's hutch.

The childrens pet rabbit escaped from its' hutch.

1 mark

2 Insert an **apostrophe** to show that the **jumpers** belong to the **boys**.

The school caretaker found the boys jumpers in the playground.

1 mark

3 Tick the sentence that uses the **comma** correctly.

Tick **one**.

My interests, are cooking my pets and tennis.

My interests are cooking, my pets and tennis.

My interests are cooking, my pets, and tennis.

My interests are, cooking my pets and tennis.

1 mark

4 Insert a **comma** in the sentence below to show that **three different** items of food were eaten on the picnic.

We ate chocolate cake and fruit on our picnic.

1 mark

**5** Tick the sentence where a **comma** is used correctly to avoid **ambiguity**.

Tick **one**.

- “Brogan and Sami are ready to eat Mum!” called Dad.
- “Brogan and Sami are ready, to eat Mum!” called Dad.
- “Brogan and Sami are ready to eat, Mum!” called Dad.
- “Brogan and Sami, are ready to eat Mum!” called Dad.

1 mark

**6** Explain the **two different meanings** of each sentence below.

The pupil thinks the teacher is improving in maths.

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The pupil, thinks the teacher, is improving in maths.

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2 marks

**7** Insert a **pair of commas** to clarify the meaning of the sentence below.

The art gallery since its grand opening last week has become a popular attraction.

1 mark

**8** Insert **commas** in the sentence below to make it clear that **all three children** hopped on the bus.

As soon as they left Martha James and Mia hopped on the bus.

Insert a comma in the sentence below to make it clear that **only James and Mia** hopped on the bus.

As soon as they left Martha James and Mia hopped on the bus.

2 marks

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

Insects, such as flies, have six legs, said the teacher.

1 mark

10 Tick the sentence that uses **inverted commas** correctly.

Tick **one**.

“Your dentist appointment is at 9 o’clock tomorrow, Mum said.”

“Your dentist appointment is at 9 o’clock” tomorrow, Mum said.

“Your dentist appointment is at 9 o’clock tomorrow”, Mum said.

“Your dentist appointment is at 9 o’clock tomorrow,” Mum said.

1 mark

11 Insert the missing **inverted commas** into the passage below.

Look at the silvery fish swimming in the pond! I’m going to take a photograph, exclaimed Archie excitedly.

1 mark

12 Rewrite this sentence so that it is written as **direct speech**.

The teacher said we should make more effort to line up quietly.

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1 mark

**13** Tick the sentence that uses **brackets** correctly.

Tick **one**.

Sandrine's uncle the one (with the curly red hair) is getting married next week.

Sandrine's uncle (the one with the curly red hair) is getting married next week.

Sandrine's uncle the one with the curly red hair is getting married (next week).

1 mark

**14** Rewrite the sentence below using another suitable type of **parentheses** pair in place of the brackets.

White-water rafting (an often dangerous activity) should only be attempted wearing a life jacket.

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1 mark

# Answers and Mark Scheme

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1	<b>Award 1 mark for:</b> The children's pet rabbit escaped from its hutch. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1m
2	<b>Award 1 mark for the correct insertion of an apostrophe.</b> The school caretaker found the boys' jumpers in the playground. The apostrophe must be oriented and positioned correctly.	1m
3	<b>Award 1 mark for:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> My interests are cooking, my pets and tennis. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1m
4	<b>Award 1 mark for the correct insertion of a comma.</b> We ate chocolate, cake and fruit on our picnic.	1m
5	<b>Award 1 mark for:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> "Brogan and Sami are ready to eat, Mum!" called Dad. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1m
6	<b>Award 1 mark for an answer that shows understanding that the pupil thinks the <i>teacher</i> is improving in maths.</b> <b>Award 1 mark for an answer that shows understanding that the teacher thinks the <i>pupil</i> is improving in maths.</b>	2m
7	<b>Award 1 mark for:</b> The art gallery, since its grand opening last week, has become a popular attraction.	1m
8	<b>Award 1 mark for the correct insertion of two commas.</b> As soon as they left, Martha, James and Mia hopped on the bus. <b>Award 1 mark for the correct insertion of a comma.</b> As soon as they left Martha, James and Mia hopped on the bus.	2m
9	<b>Award 1 mark for selecting the correct positions for both inverted commas.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Insects, such as flies, have six legs, said the teacher.	1m
10	<b>Award 1 mark for:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> "Your dentist appointment is at 9 o'clock tomorrow," Mum said. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1m

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
11	<b>Award 1 mark for correctly inserting both inverted commas.</b> Look at the silvery fish swimming in the pond! I'm going to take a photograph, exclaimed Archie excitedly. Inverted commas must be oriented correctly. The final inverted commas must come <b>after</b> the comma at the end of the direct speech.	1m
12	<b>Award 1 mark for correctly rewriting the sentence.</b> "You should make more effort to line up quietly," said the teacher. <b>Or:</b> The teacher said, "You should make more effort to line up quietly." Accept minor spelling errors. Inverted commas must be oriented correctly. The final inverted commas must come <b>after</b> the comma at the end of the direct speech or, if the reporting clause comes first, it must be followed by a comma and the direct speech must start with a capital letter	1m
13	<b>Award 1 mark for:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sandrine's uncle (the one with the curly red hair) is getting married next week. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1m
14	<b>Award 1 mark for correctly rewriting the sentence with suitable parenthesis.</b> White water rafting, an often dangerous activity, should only be attempted wearing a life jacket. <b>Or:</b> White water rafting – an often dangerous activity – should only be attempted wearing a life jacket.	1m