

Past SATs Questions – Punctuation

Q1.

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

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

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1 mark

Q2.

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

Q3.

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

Q4.

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

Q5.

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

Q6.

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

Q7.

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

Q8.

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

Q9.

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

Q10.

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

Q11.

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

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

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1 mark

Q12.

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

Q13.

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

We shall not do that again!



1 mark

Q14.

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

Pupils coats should be hung on the pegs.

1 mark

Q15.

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

Q16.

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

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year six children.

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