

Pick apart your punctuation

Complete the following activities:

Speech marks

❖ Rewrite the following sentences with any mistakes corrected:

1. "Come here"! shouted the farmer when he caught us stealing his apples.
2. "What's the time?" asked Mark. "It's nine o'clock," replied Tom.
3. Where are you going? "I asked Caroline."

❖ Underline the speech tag in the following sentence:

"Look! There's a cave!" shouted Anne.

Capital letters

❖ Read these sentences and highlight where the capital letters should be:

1. once upon a time in germany, hans and his sister gretal lived in a small cottage by the hundred acre wood.
2. the golden globe studio in Hollywood is where the oscars are held every year in february.
3. it was a hot summer's day in the month of july when my father announced that he was taking us all on holiday to corsica.
4. mr smith's birthday is in april.
5. my dad works for the aa.

Commas

❖ Fill in the blanks:

You need commas to separate items in a

You would use a comma to separate a clause from a clause.

❖ Add the missing commas:

1. My uncle Charlie who's very tall lives near Newcastle and has two greyhounds.
2. The main towns of Hertfordshire are Herford Watford Hatfield and Hemel Hempstead.
3. Michael Grey my best friend has just broken his leg.
4. My favourite foods are crisps sandwiches grapefruit anchovies and chocolate.

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Apostrophes

❖ Highlight the correct word to use:

1. My friend (who's/whose) bike I borrowed wants it back.
2. (It's/Its) not raining today.
3. Those books the boys lost were not (there's/theirs/their's).
4. Our dog has got a thorn in (it's/its) paw.
5. I say that the money is (your's/yours) but Sue says (its/it's) (her's/hers).
6. (Theirs/There's/Theres) a wasp on your back.
7. We (haven't/havent/have'nt) seen each other for days.
8. (Theyve/They've/ Theyv'e) just gone home.
9. You (weren't/werent/were'nt) home when I called.
10. I thought the bike belonged to (James/Jame's/James') but he said it was (Francises/Francis's/Francis) bike.

❖ Put the apostrophes in the right place:

Ive got three requests for this next number. Its a track from the Grotts new album. Theyve just got back from their American tour and have followed up the success of 'Its all hers' with a single called 'You shouldve told me.' This ones been requested by Dave Plinge of Beckenham. Dave says hed like me to play it for his mates at St James School, Beckenham.

Plurals

Write down the plural form of the following words:

Self	Elf	Wolf	Boy	Wife
Lunch	Witch	Table	Thief	Fox