

Punctuation

- 2) These sentences are correct:
I had steak and chips for my dinner.
The town hall's brass bell rings four times every hour.
These sentences need commas:
After snooker, pool is my favourite game.
Carmen plays the banjo, the piano and the guitar.
I locked my bicycle, which is blue and green, by
the factory.
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 3) Sir, Zoe, the girl with black hair, won't stop singing.
(1 mark)
- 4) Any sentence that's grammatically correct, and fits with the
words and the punctuation given:
E.g. This cat, who is called Monty, has ears which are
small, black and pointy.
(1 mark)
- 5) Although I enjoy it, being a farmer isn't easy. You have to
be fit, healthy and strong. Even when the weather is bad,
the best thing about the job is being outdoors. Every day I
look after my sheep, pigs, chickens and geese.
(1 mark for 2 correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 6) Although it takes a while, you have to learn how the
different pieces move. Monsters, trolls and sorcerers can
all move right across the board in one go, but the giant can
only move one square at a time.
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for all correct)

Section 4 – Brackets, Dashes and Hyphens

Pages 28 and 29 — Brackets for extra information

- 1) Mozart (1756-1791) is my favourite composer.
My dad's car (a Morris Minor) is very noisy.
There's more information about vampires later in the book
(see page 21).
We cycled through three counties (Kent, Surrey and Essex)
in three days.
(1 mark for 2 correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 2) You should have circled:
Brackets always come in pairs.
If you take all of the words in the brackets away, it should
still leave a proper sentence.
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for both correct)
- 3) "There's a book on climbing (I think it's by Erica Smyth) by
the door."
There are thirteen routes (three of them difficult) through
the woods.
The dog (a spaniel) had memorised his speech about
biscuits.
I always buy a newspaper (The Gazette) and a book of
stamps.
(1 mark for 2 correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 4) Fleur tells lots of stories (some of them are true!).
My birthday (the 1st June) is always sunny.
The winning ticket (number 452) belonged to an alien.
(1 mark for 1 sentence correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 5) After we left you, the journey took ages (over six hours).
Straight after breakfast (cold meat and rolls), we headed
down to the beach. After going sunbathing (it was thirty-
two degrees!), we found a little coffee shop and had some
cake.
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for all correct)

Pages 26 and 27 — Mixed practice

- 1) You should have circled:
Commas are used to separate items in a list.
You can use a pair of commas to surround extra
information.
Commas can help to avoid ambiguity in a sentence.
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for all correct)

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- 6) Any sentences that are grammatically correct, and fit with the words and the punctuation given:
It was in the summer of 1846 (a wonderful year!) that I first learnt to talk to the animals.
The last day of term (21st July) can't come too soon.
Mrs Mox (my best friend's mother) is sleeping in the corner.
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for all correct)

Page 30 — Dashes for extra information

- 1) Tia — I can't stress this enough — was the real winner.
Those cats — the ones over there — smell of mint.
(1 mark for 1 sentence correct, 2 marks for both correct)
- 2) The sentence should read:
Lucky old Jermaine — the Jermaine who works at the chip shop — got to take me to bowling.
(1 mark)
- 3) Any sentence that's grammatically correct, and fits with the words and the punctuation given:
E.g. You can never tell what Hans — the naughty boy who lives down the road — will get up to next.
(1 mark)

Page 31 — Single dashes and bullet points

- 1) I'm not sure who did it — it was someone in this classroom.
We had done all we could — it was time to go home.
They had disguises — they were dressed up as pirates.
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 2) The sentence should read:
"I think you should drink milk — I've drunk it all my life."
(1 mark)
- 3) You should have ticked:
They're used at the start of different items in a vertical list, like this one.
They're used to separate points in a long text so it's easier to read.
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for both correct)

Pages 32 and 33 — Hyphens

- 1) You should have circled:
a man-eating tiger
(1 mark)
- 2) You should have underlined:
return
refuse
re-cover
recall
(1 mark for 2 correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 3) Twenty-four people can fit into each little boat.
Auntie Michelle has a cream-coloured coat.
I made a last-minute dash.
Charlie's a mouse-catching cat.
(1 mark for 2 correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 4) Answers may vary, but they must include the given words:
I bought myself a first-class ticket.
Uri was a middle-aged man.
Shane had a half-eaten apple in his lunch box.
Jemma was wearing her custard-stained trousers.
(1 mark for 2 correct, 2 marks for all correct)

- 5) One-way ticket to Preston
(1 mark)
- 6) Twenty-one people helped to fix my great-grandmother's shed. They had a great time doing it. I helped out by re-covering the roof with felt. Afterwards, we all had some old-fashioned lemonade.
(1 mark for 2 correct, 2 marks for all correct)

Pages 34 and 35 — Mixed practice

- 1) You should have joined:
hyphens — - — to join together two-word adjectives where they might be misunderstood
bullet points — • — to show the start of different items in a vertical list
dash — — — to connect two sentences about similar things
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 2) Millie needs:
- one egg
 - two or three rashers of bacon
 - a frying pan
 - some cooking oil
- Starting all four items with a capital letter is also correct. Adding commas or semicolons at the end of the first three items, with a full stop after the fourth, is also correct. Answers where punctuation has been used inconsistently should be marked as incorrect.
(1 mark for 2 correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 3) The missing mark is a **hyphen**:
"My dad is a well-known violinist."
(1 mark)
- 4) Any sentence that's grammatically correct, and fits with the words and the punctuation given:
E.g. Christmas (25th December) comes but once a year.
Alan (my uncle) is very tall.
If you look in the cupboard — the one in the kitchen — you'll find the paints you need.
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for all correct)
- 5) The Alpine (built in 1994) sailed into Plymouth.
This has been a great success — you will all be awarded a jam sandwich.
(1 mark for 1 correct, 2 marks for both correct)
- 6) It was Phyllis who had the most prize-winning chickens. She won first prize for three breeds (Sebright, Sussex and Dorking), and the grand prize. This is her last year competing — she's decided to focus all her attention on her parrots.
(1 mark for 2 correct, 2 marks for all correct)