

1. 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

2. Which two of these sentences would be clearer with **brackets** to organise some of the information they contain?

Tick **two**.

The great white shark has been known to exceed 6 metres in length.

The two cars a red one and a blue one sped down the road.

Waves from the sea have the power to erode rocks over time.

A country with a mild climate has pleasant temperatures.

Jake a polite young man always holds open the door.

1 mark

3. Add a pair of **brackets** in the most suitable place in the sentence below.

Mr Jones a governor at South Street Primary School will present the prizes .

1 mark

4.

Why have **brackets** been used in the sentence below?

For further details, see 'how to draw animals' (pages 48-50).

Tick **one**.

to give additional information

to show the writer's opinion

to introduce a noun phrase

to link two clauses together

1 mark

5.

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

Lisa who had been playing the piano since she was nine

had achieved Grade 7.

1 mark

6. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

The wind was blowing howling, actually, so we headed – for home.

The wind was blowing – howling, actually – so we headed for home.

The wind was blowing, howling – actually – so we headed for home.

The wind was blowing howling actually – so we headed for home.

1 mark

7. 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

8. (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

9. 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

10. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres) away.

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The town is ten miles (16) kilometres away.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres away).

1 mark

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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

14. 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

15. 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

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

I am excited and I mean really excited to be going on holiday next week!

1 mark

17. 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

18. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Charlie's party, which was at the ice rink was really enjoyable.

Charlie's party which was at the ice rink, was really enjoyable.

Charlie's party, which was at the ice rink, was really enjoyable.

Charlie's party which, was at the ice rink, was really enjoyable.

1 mark

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

Charlotte who usually hated getting wet loved splashing about in
the sea.

1 mark

20. 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

Mark schemes

1.

Award 1 mark for a correct response, e.g.

- *Dash/dashes/pair of dashes*
- *Brackets/pair of brackets*

There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.

1 mark

2.

The two cars a red one and a blue one sped down the road.

Jake a polite young man always holds open the door.

Award **1 mark** for both correct.

1 mark

3.

Award 1 mark for a correctly placed pair of brackets.

Mr Jones {a governor at South Street Primary School} will
present the prizes.

Also accept *Mr Jones (a governor) at South Street Primary School will present the prizes.*

1 mark

4.

to give additional information

1 mark

5.

Award 1 mark for correctly placed brackets.

Lisa (who had been playing the piano since she was nine) had achieved Grade 7.

1 mark

6.

The wind was blowing – howling, actually – so we headed for home.

1 mark

7.

Award 1 mark for a correctly placed pair of commas.

I enjoy sitting in my bedroom, even though it is quite small, and listening to music.

1 mark

8.

a) **Award 1 mark** for the correct response.

- Brackets / a pair of brackets

b) **Award 1 mark** for the correct response.

- Commas / a pair of commas

or

- Dashes / a pair of dashes

1 mark

9.

Award 1 mark for a correctly placed pair of brackets.

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

1 mark

10.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres) away.

1 mark

11.

Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked.

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

1 mark

12.

Award 1 mark for **two** correct sentences ticked.

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1 mark

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