

COMMAS and SEMICOLONS

Commas are used in lists,

We need eggs, milk, butter and sugar to make the cookies.

to break up long sentences,

But, since I had forgotten to bring my lunch with me, and since my sister didn't have any money to lend me, I had to call my Dad and ask him to bring it to school.

after quotes,

"Let's take a break from homework and get a snack," my mom suggested.

and to break up quotes.

"Hey," she said, "That roller coaster wasn't so scary after all!"

Semicolons are used in place of conjunctions

I exercise three days a week ~~because~~ it helps me stay in shape.

I exercise three days a week ; it helps me stay in shape.

We went to the movies ~~but~~ they were closed.

We went to the movies ; they were closed.

or to combine short sentences that are related to one another.

My aunt loves to cook ; she makes dinner for us every week.

Figure out whether these sentences need commas or semicolons.

Write them into each sentence.

1. "Remember it's your turn to do the dishes " said my dad.
2. I like pepperoni olives and mushrooms on my pizza.
3. I didn't need braces like my sister I have very straight teeth.
4. Our dog has short legs and a long body he is part dachshund.
5. We were told the test was canceled we all cheered.



Using Commas

Help the Word Wizard add commas where the sentences need them!

1. I like to collect potions wands and magic books!
2. Frogs snakes and spiders are my favorite animals.
3. Would you rather be able to fly see through walls or make yourself invisible?
4. My hat robe wand and shoes belong in the closet.
5. The way to the secret cave is through the woods over the pond and under the bridge.
6. Don't forget to clean up sweep and wash the dishes.



QUOTATION MARKS

Quotation marks are used to show when a character in a sentence is making a statement, or when a narrator is quoting someone directly.

She stared at me and asked, "Have we met? You look familiar."

Quotation marks are not used when a sentence uses an indirect quote.

The waiter said they were out of tomato soup.

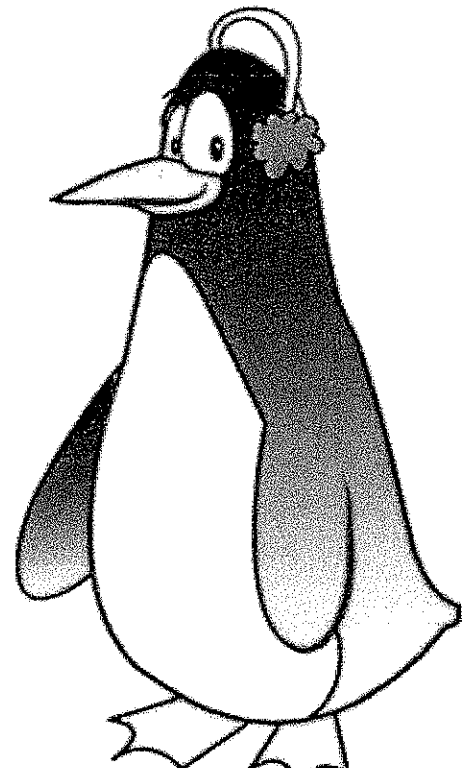
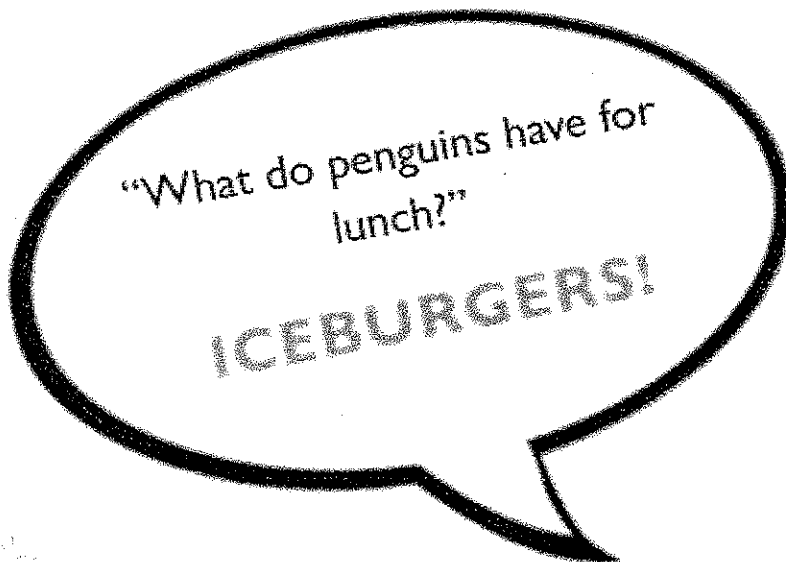
Insert the missing quotation marks into these sentences.
Some of these sentences may not need quotation marks.
Don't forget to add commas where necessary!

1. This card is to say thank you for all your hard work.
2. Stop! cried Julia as the bus pulled away from the station.
3. I thought I might need antibiotics, but the doctor said I'll be fine.
4. As soon as the ball flew under Chris' bat, the umpire shouted Strike three!
You're out!
5. Can I help you find something? asked the salesperson.
6. Say hello to my new puppy, Fido.

Adding Quotations

Add quotation marks to the penguin's conversation.

1. Are you having fish for dinner? Peter the Penguin asked.
2. As a matter of fact I am, Pam the Penguin responded, would you like to come over?
3. Great! Peter said. I'll be expecting you around 8 p.m.
4. Should I bring anything for dessert? I know that you love sardine cake, Pam said.
5. I love sardine cake! Peter yelled.
6. Wonderful! Pam replied, I'll see you at 8 p.m then.
7. Cool! Peter said, I can't wait!



Adding Quotations

Rewrite each sentence. Add quotation marks where they belong.

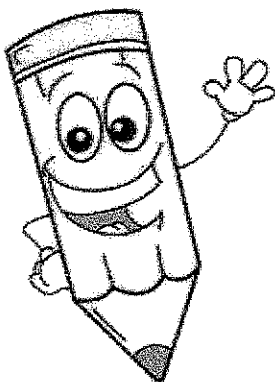
1. Mom, can we have grilled cheese sandwiches for dinner? asked Joe.

2. Gina asked, How many students are in your dance class?

3. Does everyone have their backpacks ready for tomorrow? asked Jen.

4. Do you know at what time the store opens? Harry asked.

5. Of course! Tim yelled, you can come to my house tonight!



Punctuation Match

Draw lines to match up the punctuation mark with its name.



Quotation Marks



Comma



Apostrophe



Exclamation Point



Period



Question Mark



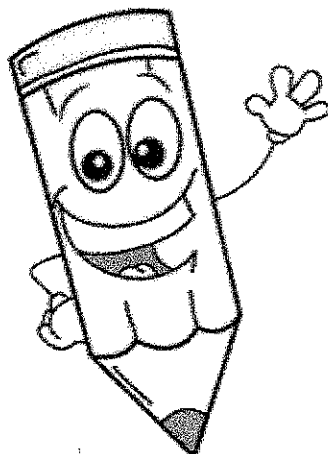
Parentheses



Punctuation Word Search

Find and circle the words below in the word find puzzle.
Words can be vertical, horizontal, diagonal, forward or backward.

E X C L A M A T I O N P O I N T R
S G T Y H V J J U Q M N G A E O P
Q O R D M X A D O M B H Y D B N F
R U V U J T S P C Y J R T H H B C
M S E W K I C F O Y Q I R I O Q C
K O B S D C A B K S H L K A F R O
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X H A H C I L D E H J R Z R M B M
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V U N O D T Y N W E J E V P A F S
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Q U O T A T I O N M A R K S O T M
O G D S E S E H T N E R A P A S R
Z D P T F A B J M I C G F C K S M



EXCLAMATION POINT

COMMA

QUESTION MARK

APOSTROPHE

QUOTATION MARKS

PARENTHESES

PERIOD

