

Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can use a hyphen to avoid ambiguity with noun modifiers.

Rewrite these sentences using hyphens correctly to avoid ambiguity.

1 The man eating shark was sighted close to the island.

2 Three year old children can usually read a few words.

3 I have a little used guitar that I'd like to sell.

4 I drove up the one way street the wrong way.

5 I love chocolate flavoured milk.

6 A well known author came into our school today.

7 Dad always buys sugar free drinks.

8 We live in a four storey building.

9 She wore a full length dress to the party.

10 We ran away from the bad tempered man.

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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can use a hyphen to avoid ambiguity when using a prefix.

Rewrite these sentences using hyphens correctly to avoid ambiguity.

1 **reentered** **re-entered**

The spaceship _____ the atmosphere.

2 **pre-existing** **preexisting**

He had a _____ medical condition.

3 **pre-empt** **pre-empt**

They tried to _____ any problems.

4 **reserve** **re-serve**

Please could you _____ a table at the restaurant?

5 **retreat** **re-treat**

I watched the mouse _____ into the hole.

6 **resign** **re-sign**

I decided to _____ from the committee.

7 **resign** **re-sign**

Please can you _____ this letter?

8 **recover** **re-cover**

We are going to _____ the chair

9 **retreat** **re-treat**

The vet is going to _____ the dog's wound as it hasn't healed yet.

10 **recover** **re-cover**

I hope you soon _____ from your illness.

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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can choose when to use a colon to introduce a list.

Rewrite these sentences adding colons and commas where they are needed:

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- 1 The stew included many vegetables turnips swedes potatoes carrots and onions.
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- 2 The list included some of the class's boys Tony Henry Sameed and Bill.
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- 3 I like all types of music rap rock jazz and soul.
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- 4 The tools were spread out over the garage floor a hammer chisels screwdrivers and a wrench.
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- 5 The builder was carrying a hammer a bag of nails a piece of wood and a cup of tea.
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- 6 For Christmas, the little girl had asked for a new doll a jigsaw felt-tip pens and a toy guitar.
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- 7 The boy had listed his favourite toys his cars his model trains and his pirate ship.
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- 8 The cook added salt pepper coriander and ginger to the stir-fry.
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- 9 The zoo had lots of large animals elephants giraffes gorillas and hippopotamuses.
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- 10 Can you please walk the dog feed the fish tidy your room and sort out your clothes?
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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can use colons to demarcate independent clauses.

Rewrite these sentences adding colons to demarcate the independent clauses:

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- 1 The weather has been really dry for months we desperately need it to rain soon.

 - 2 My nephew's a brilliant footballer this video shows his ability off very well.

 - 3 I'm auditioning for the summer term school play the role I really want is that of the Wizard.

 - 4 The burglar knew what he was doing he's taken the most valuable articles in the house.

 - 5 Working hard brings many rewards the rewards are just not always immediate.

 - 6 She loves animals of all sorts she's really well suited to being a vet.

 - 7 It's been snowing all night long we'll be able to build a snowman this morning.

 - 8 We love going down to stay in Grandma's caravan we always have such fun.

 - 9 You really need to clean your guinea pigs out the hutch is getting very smelly.

 - 10 Dinosaurs are of two main types there are lizard-hipped and bird-hipped dinosaurs.

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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can use semicolons to demarcate independent clauses.

Rewrite these sentences adding semicolons to demarcate the independent clauses:

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- 1 We enjoyed our lunch in the cafe afterwards we went for a walk along the beach.
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- 2 She always behaves really well at school it's at home that she's a bit of a problem.
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- 3 The dwarves live over the mountain the elves live in the greenwood.
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- 4 Many children spend a lot of time inside this is not good for their health or development.
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- 5 I'm looking for my piano music I do wish I could remember where I put it.
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- 6 People say that money is the root of all evil personally, I'm not sure this is true.
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- 7 Romeo and Juliet were madly in love their love-affair was destined to be unhappy.
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- 8 The Romans built Hadrian's Wall this was to separate civilised from barbarian territory.
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- 9 We arrived at our residential camp at lunchtime shortly after lunch we went canoeing.
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- 10 In spite of her cold, she won't stay in she doesn't want to miss the party.
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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can use dashes to demarcate independent clauses.

Rewrite these sentences adding dashes to demarcate the independent clauses:

1 I looked up, and there he was the ghost I had been seeing in my nightmares.

2 It doesn't matter that you haven't done the work I know you've been having a tough time.

3 I really, really love my family I just don't like living with them all the time!

4 The castle loomed out of the mist as we approached it was at that point that I felt scared.

5 The huge, slimy monster slithered along the stone floor it was a horrible sight to see.

6 It didn't matter to me that Hannah and I were very different she would always be my friend.

7 Sometimes it just isn't possible to do everything you want to you have to compromise!

8 There really was something at the back of the cave and the growling noises were proof of it!

9 A huge oak tree towered above them an oak tree that seemed to be alive and conscious.

10 Whoever it was who did that needs to own up or there will most definitely be trouble.

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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can punctuate a complex sentence with commas.

Rewrite these sentences adding commas to punctuate them:

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- 1 The dragon clearly in pain from her wounded shoulder rose heavily into the sky.

 - 2 William squeezing behind the door held his breath and waited wondering who was coming.

 - 3 Emily despite her courage shivered as the rain pelted down soaking through her thin coat.

 - 4 The damp spongy forest floor gently steaming smelled of spice cake incense and wet leaves.

 - 5 The meerkats despite their big appealing eyes and cute noses also have sharp teeth.

 - 6 The sea its sullen heavy waves gleaming pounded wearily at the rocky barren beach.

 - 7 Beyond our galaxy in outer space on planets we can't imagine there may be living beings.

 - 8 The mole his short fine fur ruffled with the effort wriggled out of the hole and peered about.

 - 9 Churchill a brilliant well-respected leader is remembered for always having a cigar in his mouth.

 - 10 Commas often misused or omitted in people's writing are essential for removing ambiguity.

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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can say whether an apostrophe is being used for omission or possession.

Is the apostrophe showing omission or possession? Tick the correct answer:

1 A mole's coat is so velvety.

omission [] possession []

2 You've done a good job today.

omission [] possession []

3 My daughter's school is not far from here.

omission [] possession []

4 Where can I find the ladies' changing room?

omission [] possession []

5 Judy isn't very happy at the moment.

omission [] possession []

6 The milkman's left his crate on my doorstep.

omission [] possession []

7 I shan't leave it so late this time.

omission [] possession []

8 Meera's brother goes to my school.

omission [] possession []

9 I won't take my coat off just yet.

omission [] possession []

10 We sold our cheese at the farmers' market.

omission [] possession []

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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can choose where to put commas in a list (revision).

Rewrite these sentences adding commas where necessary:

1 We need some plates a table and chairs some salt and pepper and a cloth.

2 You can have tuna prawn cheese ham or beans on your jacket potato.

3 For breakfast, we had eggs orange juice muffins melon and coffee.

4 He needs a cotton shirt a new tie trousers a pencil case and a rucksack.

5 The book is about love war families and friends and life in Africa.

6 The recipe requires eggs flour unsalted butter and currants.

7 She put on her coat fastened her belt picked up her handbag and left.

8 Harry got in the car started the engine checked the mirror and drove off.

9 Lucy emptied the bin washed the dishes dusted everything and made her bed.

10 I need my book my diary a hat and scarf and my umbrella.

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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can choose when to use a comma or a full stop in extended speech.

Rewrite these sentences adding the missing punctuation:

1 "Go away" snarled the wolf snapping at the woodcutter "Red Riding Hood's granny is out!"

2 "Don't go near the cliff" my mother warned looking serious "Just stay near the tent"

3 "Where is it?" I asked peering into the dark tunnel "I don't really want to go down there"

4 "Help me" whimpered the boy sounding miserable "I'm stuck!"

5 "While Ben's very good at English" commented the teacher "he does struggle with maths"

6 Amira shivering as she spoke looked up at the ogre and asked "Are you going to eat me?"

7 "Merry Christmas!" laughed Santa his smile lighting up the room "What would you like this year?"

8 Mei Ling who had been listening to the conversation piped up "I know where the treasure is!"

9 "I'm not going to wait much longer" growled Blackbeard shaking his fist as he spoke

10 "Give me the child" howled the werewolf drool dripping from his fangs "I'm hungry"

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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > I can punctuate reported speech with embedded adverbial or adjectival clauses.

Rewrite these sentences adding commas to punctuate them:

1 He told me as he washed his hands at the sink that he had been living there for many years.

2 She said that Sam her oldest dog had been ill and needed to see the vet.

3 Mum told me that although she had tried to get there in time the shop had closed.

4 They asked as they sat down panting with exhaustion if they could have some water.

5 Dad frowning with concern told Henry to bail the boat out or it'd sink.

6 The general said that despite recent setbacks the troops were likely to win the next battle.

7 Dad with a cross look on his face asked Luke to clear up the mess in his room.

8 Adam told me when I asked for his help that he would come over immediately.

9 Although he wanted to go he told me that despite trying he couldn't convince his mum to let him.

10 Fern sobbing as she spoke told me that her dog Spot had run in front of a car.

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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > Punctuation revision - SPaG practice questions (set 1).

Rewrite these sentences punctuating them correctly:

1 **Rewrite this sentence putting commas in the correct places:** Our living room has a fireplace a table and chairs a lamp and a bookcase.

2 **Rewrite this sentence putting dashes in the correct places:** We are going on holiday as we do every year to a cottage in Wales.

3 **Rewrite this sentence putting commas in the correct places:** The baseball match which was on the television last night was very exciting.

4 **Rewrite this sentence with the correct punctuation mark at the end:** Get a move on

5 **Rewrite this sentence with the correct punctuation mark at the end:** I can't see you tomorrow, can I

6 **Rewrite this sentence putting inverted commas in the correct places:** How can I ever thank you? said Judy, gratefully.

7 **Rewrite this sentence putting commas and a full stop in the correct places:** "As it's heavy" said Steve "I'll help you carry it"

8 **Rewrite this sentence putting a comma in the correct place:** Even though she was older Hannah still felt nervous about going out alone.

9 **Rewrite this sentence putting apostrophes in the correct places:** Weve got to get moving now, havent we?

10 **Rewrite this sentence putting an apostrophe in the correct place:** That is the sheeps barn where they sleep.

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Age 10-11 > Punctuation > Punctuation revision - SPaG practice questions (set 2).

Rewrite these sentences punctuating them correctly:

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- 1 **Rewrite this sentence putting a question mark in the correct place:** The shopkeeper asked, "Can I help you with anything"
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- 2 **Rewrite this sentence putting brackets in the correct places:** My friend the one I write to is coming to stay next week.
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- 3 **Rewrite this sentence putting full stops in the correct places:** First, I washed the car Next I mowed the lawn
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- 4 **Rewrite this sentence putting a comma in the correct place to clarify the meaning:** "I need to eat Mum!" exclaimed Lucy, hungrily.
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- 5 **Rewrite this sentence using capitals correctly:** my mum was born in london.
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- 6 **Rewrite this sentence putting a colon and commas in the correct places:** I bought some new clothes trousers a jacket socks and a shirt.
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- 7 **Rewrite this sentence putting a semicolon in the correct place:** She loves music her brother would rather read a book.
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- 8 **Rewrite this sentence putting apostrophes in the correct places:** Shes got Hannahs book and she wont give it back.
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- 9 **Rewrite this sentence putting commas in the correct places:** I want bacon scrambled eggs mushrooms and sausage with coffee.
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- 10 **Rewrite this sentence putting an exclamation mark in the correct place:** "For the last time," said Mum, "get on with it"
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