

Mini Mystery: Punctuation

One of these culprits is responsible for stealing the correct pieces of punctuation from the sentences below. Each of the culprits has been caught red-handed, carrying five pieces of punctuation away from the scene.

To crack the case, solve the puzzles and find the suspect who has every piece of punctuation needed to correctly complete the sentences.

The suspects are:



Benjamin Glover

colon
brackets
comma
dash
semi-colon



Farooq Dasu

comma
hyphen
dash
apostrophe
inverted commas



Gillian Frank

brackets
comma
inverted commas
question mark
apostrophe



Maelin Cross

semi-colon
colon
dash
hyphen
brackets



Abdolla McGrath

apostrophe
brackets
dash
inverted commas
colon

Puzzle 1

Which piece of punctuation is missing from the sentence below? Tick **one** answer.

The caretaker her name is Linda does a fantastic job at keeping our school safe.

an apostrophe ☐ a question mark ☐ a semi-colon ☐ brackets ☐

Puzzle 2

Which piece of punctuation is missing from the sentence below? Tick **one** answer.

The tide was too high huge, roaring waves crashed over the defences.

a bracket ☐ an apostrophe ☐ a colon ☐ inverted commas ☐

Puzzle 3

Insert the piece of punctuation that is missing from the sentence below.

Lydia – my big sister always interrupts me when I'm speaking.

Puzzle 4

Which piece of punctuation is missing from the sentence below? Tick **one** answer.

Today, we had a history lesson history is my favourite subject.

a comma ☐

a hyphen ☐

a semi-colon ☐

inverted commas ☐

Puzzle 5

Insert the piece of punctuation that is missing from the sentence below.

Ben used his lightning quick wit to make everyone laugh.

Which culprit stole the punctuation? _____