

Q1.

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

Q2.

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

Q3.

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

Q4.

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

Q5.

- (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

Q6.

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

Q7.

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

Q8.

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

Q9.

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

Q10.

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

Q11.

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

Q12.

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

Q13.

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

Q14.

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

Mark schemes

Q1.

Award 1 mark for a correctly placed pair of brackets.

Using public transport (such as buses and trains) can reduce pollution.

1 mark

Q2.

Award 1 mark for correctly placed brackets.

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

1 mark

Q3.

Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked.

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

1 mark

Q4.

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

Q5.

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

Q6.



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



1 mark

Q7.

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

Q8.



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

Q9.

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

Q10.

to give additional information



1 mark

Q11.

Award 1 mark for a correctly placed pair of commas.

My father, who works at the museum, gave my class a guided tour.

1 mark

Q12.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres) away. ☒

1 mark

Q13.

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

There are some books – including story books – in the cupboard. ☒

Our classroom, at the end of the corridor, has a red door. ☒

1 mark

Q14.

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