



## ANSWERS

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

Mr Simpson (my maths teacher) is really funny.

Tick **one**.

- ☒ to give additional information
- ☐ to show the writer's opinion
- ☐ to introduce a noun phrase
- ☐ to link two clauses together

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1 mark

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

Sarah caught her bus (the number 25) just in time.

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1 mark

3 Tick **one** box to show where **a dash** is needed in the sentence below.

My dad is buying me a present on Saturday it's a surprise.

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1 mark

4 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

- ☐ The field behind – my house – is great for sledging.
- ☐ The field behind my house – is great – for sledging.
- ☒ The field – behind my house – is great for sledging.
- ☐ The field – behind my house is great – for sledging.

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1 mark



- 5 a) What is the **name** of the punctuation marks on either side of the words 'chocolate buttons' in the sentence below?

I bought my favourite sweets (chocolate buttons) as a treat.

Award 1 mark for the correct response. • Brackets/a pair of brackets

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1 mark

- b) What is the name of a **different** punctuation mark that could be used correctly in the same places?

Award 1 mark for the correct response. • Dashes/a pair of dashes

• Commas/a pair of commas

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1 mark

- 6 Which **two** sentences use punctuation to show **parenthesis**?  
Tick **two**.

- ☒ The weather today (dry and sunny) was great for a trip to the beach.  
☐ On Thursday, we will go for a bike ride.  
☐ Queen Elizabeth II ruled from 1952-2022.  
☒ Jack asked Zac – his best friend – to play Minecraft with him.

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1 mark

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

In the next part of the book – chapters 6 and 7 – we meet  
three new characters.

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1 mark

- 8 Tick **two** boxes to show where brackets should go in the sentence below.

Sally lost her bag the pink, flowery one when we were on a trip.

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1 mark

- 9 Write the **name** of the punctuation that could be used instead of commas in the sentence below.

Sam and Olly, my friends from school, are coming to my house to play.

**Award 1 mark for a correct response, e.g.** • Dash/dashes/pair of dashes

• Brackets/pair of brackets

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1 mark

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

The hotel is a short walk (around one kilometre) away from the beach.

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1 mark

- 11 Why have **dashes** been used in the sentence below?

Kara and James went to the pool – the one with the slides –  
to help them cool down.

Tick **one**.

- ☐ to give the writer's opinion
- ☐ to link two clauses together
- ☒ to show parenthesis
- ☐ to show the thoughts of Kara and James

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1 mark

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

The Shard (the tallest building in the United Kingdom) is 95 storeys high.

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1 mark

- 13 Tick **one** box to show where a **dash** is needed in the sentence below.

Jamie knew one thing he wasn't watching the scary film.

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1 mark



14

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

- ☒ Every day (aside from Sunday) my alarm wakes me at 7am.
- ☐ Every day aside from (Sunday) my alarm wakes me at 7am.
- ☐ Every day aside from Sunday (my alarm wakes me) at 7am.
- ☐ Every day (aside from Sunday my alarm wakes me) at 7am.

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1 mark

15

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

Eating plenty of fruit and vegetables – ideally five portions a day –  
helps you to stay healthy.

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1 mark

16

Tick **two** boxes to show where **brackets** should go in the sentence below.

Charlie's new puppy a black labradoodle is absolutely adorable.

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1 mark

17

Which sentence uses a **dash** correctly?Tick **one**.

- ☐ The film was excellent. It was very – informative.
- ☐ The film – was excellent. It was very informative.
- ☒ The film was excellent – it was very informative.
- ☐ The film was – excellent. It was very informative.

☐

1 mark



**18** Insert a **pair of brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below. ☐  
The Sun is about 93 million miles (150 million kilometres) from Earth. 1 mark

**19** Which sentence is punctuated correctly?  
Tick **one**.

- ☐ Sue the lady next door – has a cat called Millie.
- ☐ Sue (the lady) next door has a cat called Millie.
- ☐ Sue the lady (next door) has a cat called Millie.
- ☒ Sue – the lady next door – has a cat called Millie.

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1 mark

**20** Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below. ☐  
Nobody heard what Billy was saying – he was nearly whispering. 1 mark

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**Total  
marks**