Summer Week 3 - English Lesson 1

Can I use punctuation correctly?

Fast Five (answers on next page)

Can you name all these types of punctuation?

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Fast Five answers:

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inverted commas

Today we are going to recap the different types of punctuation.

Here is an explanation some types of punctuation and how we are going to be using them today:

Full stop - to show the end of a sentence.

Comma - used to separate lists and at the end of a fronted adverbial. There are other uses, but we won't be looking at these today.

Exclamation mark - to show that a sentence is an exclamation or being shouted.

Question mark - to show a question.

Inverted commas - to show where speech starts and ends.

Read these sentences.1) What punctuation can you see?2) Why has it been used?

It was a dark, cold and eerie night. In the distance, the moon hid behind the misty, slate-grey clouds which cast strange shadows on the pavements below. Read these sentences.

 What punctuation can you see? Commas and full stops.
Why has it been used? The full stops have been used to show the end of sentences. Some of the commas separate listed adjectives in an expanded noun phrases and one is at the end of a fronted adverbial.

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Read these sentences.

1) What new punctuation can you see? Question marks, inverted commas and an exclamation mark.

2) Why has it been used? The question marks have been used because he is asking a question, the exclamation mark shows he is shouting, and the inverted commas show when he is speaking.

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his mouth dropped wide open. Where was Toby? "Toby!

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In this paragraph, there are mistakes with the punctuation. Can you spot them and correct them?

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Answers:

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Your activity:

You will have a passage that someone has written, but they have made mistakes with their punctuation.

Red: The mistakes will be underlined, so you know what you need to correct.

Yellow: Some of the mistakes will be underlined to help you start.

Green: You need to find the mistakes on your own.