

Year 1

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation Terminology

Letter

A written mark that stands for a speech sound; specific character of an alphabet. 'A' and 'Z' are the first and last letters of our alphabet.

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Sentence

A complete unit of words in either writing or speech with a clear beginning and a full stop. A sentence usually has a subject and a verb. Sentences can state things, ask questions, give commands, or be exclamations.

- I got a bike and a football for my birthday.
- Would you like chips for tea?
- What a dreadful noise!



Full Stop

A full stop is used at the end of a sentence or abbreviation.

- All their meals arrived at the same time.
- The girl put away her bike.
- *etc.*
- *e.g.*

Capital Letter

A letter of the alphabet used for proper nouns and to start a sentence.

- Look at Gary!
- My dog is called Peaches.



Exclamation Mark

An exclamation mark is used after a word or words that express strong feelings.

- "Look up there!" she yelled.
- Ow! That hurt!

Punctuation Marks

Punctuation marks are essential when you are writing. They show the reader where sentences start and finish and if they are used properly they make your writing easy to understand.

Word

A sound, group of sounds, or the symbols for such sounds in writing that have some meaning. Words are a basic unit of language.

Question Mark

A question mark is used at the end of a sentence that asks a question.

- What time are you going to the fair?



Plural

The form of a word that names or refers to more than one thing. The plural of 'cat' is 'cats.'



Singular

The form of a word that names or refers to only one person or thing. You used the plural, 'cats,' when you should have used the singular, 'cat.'

