1.6 Punctuation Error-Spot: 2-hour Pack

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Answer ALL questions.

The Night Ferry

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[1] Its a cold October evening and the ferry is late again.

[2] The harbour master checked his watch, then he shouted across the quay.

[3] "Wheres the ferry gone" asked Priya, staring into the fog.

[4] Layla packed her bag's: a torch, a flask of tea, and an old brass compass.

[5] The three sailor's coats were soaked through by the time they reached the pier.

[6] At last a light flickered somewhere out on the water, small and steady.

[7] The ferry was not fast, but it was reliable; nobody on the quay doubted it would arrive.

[8] Passengers needed three things: a ticket, a torch and a little patience.

[9] "Climb aboard," called the ferryman, "before the tide turns."

[10] By the time the ferry reached the harbour, the fog had lifted and the stars had returned.

1 This sentence has one comma that should not be there. Which comma is it?

"At the market we bought, honey, eggs, potatoes and onions."

- ☐ A) the comma after 'eggs'
- ☐ B) the comma after 'bought'
- ☐ C) the comma after 'honey'

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2 Which phrase correctly shows that the drawing belongs to the people?

- [ ] A) the people's drawing
- [ ] B) the peoples' drawing
- [ ] C) the peoples drawing
- [ ] D) the person's drawing
- [ ] E) the people' drawing

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3 How many words in this sentence need a capital letter?

"grace said that york is lovely in september."

- [ ] A) 5
- [ ] B) 4
- [ ] C) 3
- [ ] D) 1
- [ ] E) 2

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4 Choose the correctly written contraction to complete the sentence.

"The car _____ start in this cold weather."

- [ ] A) w'ont
- [ ] B) wont'
- [ ] C) won't
- [ ] D) won t
- [ ] E) wont

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5 Which sentence has its comma correctly placed after the fronted adverbial?

- [ ] A) Every Friday; a fox crept across the lawn.
- [ ] B) Every Friday, a fox crept across the lawn.
- [ ] C) Every Friday a, fox crept across the lawn.
- [ ] D) Every Friday a fox crept across the lawn.
- [ ] E) Every Friday a fox, crept across the lawn.

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6 Where should commas be added to this sentence?

"The recipe calls for butter sugar vanilla and milk."

- [ ] A) after 'for', 'butter' and 'sugar'
- [ ] B) after 'for' and 'butter'
- [ ] C) after 'butter'
- [ ] D) after 'butter' and 'sugar'
- [ ] E) after 'sugar'

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7 The hat belongs to the women.

Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?

- [ ] A) The woman's hat is the topic of the next lesson.
- [ ] B) The womens' hat is the topic of the next lesson.
- [ ] C) The womens hat is the topic of the next lesson.
- [ ] D) The women' hat is the topic of the next lesson.
- [ ] E) The women's hat is the topic of the next lesson.

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8 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "it is nearly time for lunch," announced Grandad.
- [ ] B) It is nearly time for lunch, announced Grandad.
- [ ] C) "It is nearly time for lunch," announced Grandad.
- [ ] D) "It is nearly time for lunch,", announced Grandad.
- [ ] E) "It is nearly time for lunch", announced Grandad.

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9 Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- [ ] A) Every friday, priya walks to the river with leah.
- [ ] B) Every Friday, priya walks to the river with Leah.
- [ ] C) Every Friday, Priya walks to the River with Leah.
- [ ] D) Every friday, Priya walks to the river with Leah.
- [ ] E) Every Friday, Priya walks to the river with Leah.

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10 Which words are the fronted adverbial in this sentence?

"After the storm, a cold wind began to blow."

- [ ] A) a cold wind began to blow
- [ ] B) a cold
- [ ] C) After the storm a
- [ ] D) After the storm
- [ ] E) a

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11 Where should commas be added to this sentence?

"At the market we bought plums cabbages onions and potatoes."

- [ ] A) after 'bought', 'plums' and 'cabbages'
- [ ] B) after 'plums'
- [ ] C) after 'plums' and 'cabbages'
- [ ] D) after 'bought' and 'plums'
- [ ] E) after 'cabbages'

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12 The voice belongs to the geese.

Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?

- [ ] A) The geeses' voice was noticed by everyone.
- [ ] B) The geeses voice was noticed by everyone.
- [ ] C) The goose's voice was noticed by everyone.
- [ ] D) The geese' voice was noticed by everyone.
- [ ] E) The geese's voice was noticed by everyone.

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13 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "I would like another slice of cake, said Omar.
- [ ] B) "I would like another slice of cake," Said Omar.
- [ ] C) "I would like another slice of cake," said Omar.
- [ ] D) "I would like another slice of cake", said Omar.
- [ ] E) "i would like another slice of cake," said Omar.

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14 One word in this sentence needs a capital letter but does not have one. Which word is it?

"Every Wednesday, leah walks to the beach with Ben."

- [ ] A) leah
- [ ] B) to
- [ ] C) beach
- [ ] D) walks
- [ ] E) the

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15 Choose the correctly written contraction to complete the sentence.

"Dan _____ finished his book yet."

- [ ] A) has'nt
- [ ] B) hasn't
- [ ] C) hasn't'
- [ ] D) hasnt'
- [ ] E) hasn t

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16 Where should the comma go in this sentence?

"Later that morning Jack began to paint the fence."

- [ ] A) after 'began'
- [ ] B) after 'Jack'
- [ ] C) after 'morning'
- [ ] D) after 'Later'
- [ ] E) after 'to'

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17 One word in this sentence needs an apostrophe. Which word is it?

"The men hat is the topic of the next lesson."

- [ ] A) The
- [ ] B) men
- [ ] C) next
- [ ] D) hat
- [ ] E) topic

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18 Which punctuation mark is missing from the gap?

"The train leaves in ten minutes_____" said the teacher.

- ☐ A) ;
- ☐ B) .
- ☐ C) ?
- ☐ D) ,
- ☐ E) :

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19 How many words in this sentence need a capital letter?

"we have a trip to france in november."

- ☐ A) 3
- ☐ B) 4
- ☐ C) 5
- ☐ D) 2
- ☐ E) 1

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20 Where should the comma go in this sentence?

"Once the bell had rung Omar tied his laces."

- ☐ A) after 'Omar'
- ☐ B) after 'the'
- ☐ C) after 'had'
- ☐ D) after 'rung'
- ☐ E) after 'bell'

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21 Which sentence uses commas correctly in the list?

- ☐ A) In the wood we spotted, badgers, deer, woodpeckers, foxes and squirrels.
- ☐ B) In the wood we spotted badgers, deer, woodpeckers, foxes and squirrels.
- ☐ C) In the wood we spotted badgers deer woodpeckers foxes and squirrels.
- ☐ D) In the wood we spotted badgers; deer; woodpeckers; foxes and squirrels.
- ☐ E) In the wood we spotted badgers deer, woodpeckers, foxes and squirrels.

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22 Which phrase correctly shows that the bedroom belongs to the farmer?

- [ ] A) the farmers's bedroom
- [ ] B) the farmer' bedroom
- [ ] C) the farmer's bedroom
- [ ] D) the farmers bedroom
- [ ] E) the farmers' bedroom

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23 Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- [ ] A) In November, Omar moved from Ireland to Cornwall.
- [ ] B) In November, omar moved from Ireland to Cornwall.
- [ ] C) In november, omar moved from ireland to cornwall.
- [ ] D) in November, Omar moved from Ireland to Cornwall.
- [ ] E) In November, Omar moved from ireland to Cornwall.

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24 Which letters does the apostrophe replace in 'you've'?

- [ ] A) i
- [ ] B) u
- [ ] C) o
- [ ] D) a
- [ ] E) ha

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25 Where should the comma go in this sentence?

"In a hurry the teacher handed out the books."

- [ ] A) after 'a'
- [ ] B) after 'In'
- [ ] C) after 'handed'
- [ ] D) after 'hurry'
- [ ] E) after 'the'

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26 One word in this sentence needs a capital letter but does not have one. Which word is it?

"We have a trip to France in march."

- [ ] A) trip
- [ ] B) march
- [ ] C) a
- [ ] D) to
- [ ] E) have

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27 Where should commas be added to this sentence?

"At the market we bought bread plums honey and potatoes."

- [ ] A) after 'bought', 'bread' and 'plums'
- [ ] B) after 'bread' and 'plums'
- [ ] C) after 'bread'
- [ ] D) after 'bought' and 'bread'
- [ ] E) after 'plums'

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28 The map belongs to the ladies.

Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?

- [ ] A) The ladies map was mentioned in the story.
- [ ] B) The ladies's map was mentioned in the story.
- [ ] C) The ladies' map was mentioned in the story.
- [ ] D) The lady map was mentioned in the story.
- [ ] E) The lady's map was mentioned in the story.

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29 Which punctuation mark is missing from the gap?

"You can borrow my pencil_____" whispered Leah.

- [ ] A) ,
- [ ] B) ;
- [ ] C) :
- [ ] D) .
- [ ] E) ?

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30 Choose the correctly written contraction to complete the sentence.

"_____ call you when I get home."

- [ ] A) Ill
- [ ] B) Ill'
- [ ] C) I ll
- [ ] D) I'l'l
- [ ] E) I'll

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31 Which words are the fronted adverbial in this sentence?

"Along the path, the farmer opened the gate."

- [ ] A) Along the path
- [ ] B) Along the path the
- [ ] C) the farmer opened the gate
- [ ] D) the
- [ ] E) the farmer

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32 This sentence has one comma that should not be there. Which comma is it?

"Dad's toolbox contains, nails, hammers, spanners and saws."

- [ ] A) the comma after 'nails'
- [ ] B) the comma after 'hammers'
- [ ] C) the comma after 'contains'

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33 One word in this sentence needs an apostrophe. Which word is it?

"The dog lunch is the topic of the next lesson."

- [ ] A) The
- [ ] B) lunch
- [ ] C) topic
- [ ] D) dog
- [ ] E) next

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34 Which words should go inside inverted commas in this sentence?

"Mum shouted Run for the bus!"

- [ ] A) for the bus
- [ ] B) Mum shouted Run
- [ ] C) Mum shouted
- [ ] D) Run for the
- [ ] E) Run for the bus

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35 Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- [ ] A) freya told me that the museum in scotland closes on saturday.
- [ ] B) Freya told me that the museum in scotland closes on Saturday.
- [ ] C) freya told me that the museum in Scotland closes on Saturday.
- [ ] D) Freya told me that the museum in Scotland closes on Saturday.
- [ ] E) Freya told me that the Museum in Scotland closes on Saturday.

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36 Choose the correctly written contraction to complete the sentence.

"The children _____ allowed on the field today."

- [ ] A) arent'
- [ ] B) aren't
- [ ] C) are'nt
- [ ] D) arent
- [ ] E) a'rent

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37 Which sentence has its comma correctly placed after the fronted adverbial?

- [ ] A) Across the valley, Priya put her coat on.
- [ ] B) Across the valley: Priya put her coat on.
- [ ] C) Across the valley Priya put her coat on.
- [ ] D) Across the valley Priya, put her coat on.
- [ ] E) Across, the valley Priya put her coat on.

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38 This sentence has one comma that should not be there. Which comma is it?

"The zoo has, zebras, otters, lions and giraffes."

- [ ] A) the comma after 'zebras'
- [ ] B) the comma after 'has'
- [ ] C) the comma after 'otters'

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39 The shoe belongs to the driver.

Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?

- [ ] A) The drivers shoe was noticed by everyone.
- [ ] B) The driver' shoe was noticed by everyone.
- [ ] C) The drivers' shoe was noticed by everyone.
- [ ] D) The driver's shoe was noticed by everyone.
- [ ] E) The drivers's shoe was noticed by everyone.

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40 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "help me carry this!" yelled Omar.
- [ ] B) "Help me carry this! yelled Omar.
- [ ] C) "Help me carry this!" Yelled Omar.
- [ ] D) "Help me carry this!" yelled Omar.
- [ ] E) "Help me carry this!", yelled Omar.

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41 Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- [ ] A) In November, Ben moved from spain to Cornwall.
- [ ] B) In November, Ben moved from Spain to Cornwall.
- [ ] C) In november, ben moved from spain to cornwall.
- [ ] D) In november, Ben moved from Spain to Cornwall.
- [ ] E) in November, Ben moved from Spain to Cornwall.

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42 Choose the correctly written contraction to complete the sentence.

"The old gate _____ open, however hard we pushed."

- [ ] A) wouldn't
- [ ] B) wouldnt
- [ ] C) w'ouldnt
- [ ] D) would'nt
- [ ] E) wouldnt'

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43 Where should the comma go in this sentence?

"All of a sudden the lights flickered twice."

- [ ] A) after 'of'
- [ ] B) after 'sudden'
- [ ] C) after 'the'
- [ ] D) after 'a'
- [ ] E) after 'All'

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44 Where should commas be added to this sentence?

"Our classroom has tables plants computers and chairs."

- [ ] A) after 'plants'
- [ ] B) after 'tables' and 'plants'
- [ ] C) after 'tables'
- [ ] D) after 'has', 'tables' and 'plants'
- [ ] E) after 'has' and 'tables'

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45 Which phrase correctly shows that the basket belongs to the bird?

- [ ] A) the birds's basket
- [ ] B) the birds basket
- [ ] C) the bird' basket
- [ ] D) the bird's basket
- [ ] E) the birds' basket

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46 Which punctuation mark is missing from the gap?

"Can I borrow your ruler_____" wondered Leah.

- [ ] A) .
- [ ] B) ,
- [ ] C) ?
- [ ] D) ;
- [ ] E) :

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47 Which letters does the apostrophe replace in 'hadn't'?

- [ ] A) i
- [ ] B) o
- [ ] C) u
- [ ] D) ha
- [ ] E) e

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48 Which sentence has its comma correctly placed after the fronted adverbial?

- [ ] A) Last summer a fox, crept across the lawn.
- [ ] B) Last summer; a fox crept across the lawn.
- [ ] C) Last summer a, fox crept across the lawn.
- [ ] D) Last summer a fox crept across the lawn.
- [ ] E) Last summer, a fox crept across the lawn.

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49 Where should commas be added to separate the items in the list?

"For the school fair we need prizes helpers tables and cakes."

- [ ] A) after 'need' and 'prizes'
- [ ] B) after 'helpers'
- [ ] C) after 'prizes' and 'helpers'
- [ ] D) after 'need', 'prizes' and 'helpers'
- [ ] E) after 'prizes'

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50 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "My brother is learning to swim" explained Omar.
- [ ] B) "My brother is learning to swim," explained Omar.
- [ ] C) "My brother is learning to swim", explained Omar.
- [ ] D) "My brother is learning to swim, explained Omar.
- [ ] E) "My brother is learning to swim," Explained Omar.

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51 One word in this sentence has a capital letter that it should not have. Which word is it?

"Every Saturday, Ben walks to the Garden with Omar."

- [ ] A) Saturday
- [ ] B) Garden
- [ ] C) Every
- [ ] D) Ben
- [ ] E) Omar

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52 Which sentence uses the contraction correctly?

- [ ] A) Shes' the fastest runner in our year.
- [ ] B) S'hes the fastest runner in our year.
- [ ] C) She s the fastest runner in our year.
- [ ] D) She's the fastest runner in our year.
- [ ] E) Shes the fastest runner in our year.

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53 Which sentence has its comma correctly placed after the fronted adverbial?

- [ ] A) After lunch the children lined up in silence.
- [ ] B) After lunch, the children lined up in silence.
- [ ] C) After lunch: the children lined up in silence.
- [ ] D) After lunch; the children lined up in silence.
- [ ] E) After, lunch the children lined up in silence.

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54 This sentence has one comma that should not be there. Which comma is it?

"Before the trip, pack, a camera, a hat, a coat, a notebook and some sun cream."

- ☐ A) the comma after 'pack'
- ☐ B) the comma after 'a coat'
- ☐ C) the comma after 'a camera'
- ☐ D) the comma after 'a hat'

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55 Which phrase correctly shows that the bike belongs to the child?

- ☐ A) the child' bike
- ☐ B) the childs bike
- ☐ C) the children's bike
- ☐ D) the child's bike
- ☐ E) the childs' bike

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56 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ A) "Please close the window,", muttered Amira.
- ☐ B) "Please close the window, muttered Amira.
- ☐ C) "Please close the window," muttered Amira.
- ☐ D) "Please close the window," Muttered Amira.
- ☐ E) "Please close the window" muttered Amira.

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57 Which two words does the contraction 'couldn't' stand for?

- ☐ A) were not
- ☐ B) does not
- ☐ C) is not
- ☐ D) might not
- ☐ E) could not

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58 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ A) Very carefully, Omar tied his laces.
- ☐ B) Very carefully Omar tied, his laces.
- ☐ C) Very carefully Omar, tied his laces.
- ☐ D) Very, carefully Omar tied his laces.
- ☐ E) Very carefully; Omar tied his laces.

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59 This sentence has one comma that should not be there. Which comma is it?

"The shelf was full of, dictionaries, comics, atlases and novels."

- ☐ A) the comma after 'dictionaries'
- ☐ B) the comma after 'of'
- ☐ C) the comma after 'comics'

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60 Which phrase correctly shows that the bedroom belongs to the geese?

- ☐ A) the geese' bedroom
- ☐ B) the geeses bedroom
- ☐ C) the geeses' bedroom
- ☐ D) the geese's bedroom
- ☐ E) the goose's bedroom

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61 Which punctuation mark is missing from the gap?

"Is it time to go yet_____" enquired the teacher.

- ☐ A) .
- ☐ B) ,
- ☐ C) ?
- ☐ D) :
- ☐ E) ;

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62 Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- ☐ A) We have a trip to Bristol in February.
- ☐ B) We have a trip to bristol in February.
- ☐ C) we have a trip to Bristol in February.
- ☐ D) We have a trip to bristol in february.
- ☐ E) We have a trip to Bristol in february.

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63 Which letters does the apostrophe replace in 'couldn't'?

- [ ] A) ou
- [ ] B) ha
- [ ] C) no
- [ ] D) u
- [ ] E) o

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64 Which sentence uses commas correctly in the list?

- [ ] A) In the wood we spotted deer; squirrels; foxes; woodpeckers and owls.
- [ ] B) In the wood we spotted, deer, squirrels, foxes, woodpeckers and owls.
- [ ] C) In the wood we spotted deer squirrels foxes, woodpeckers and owls.
- [ ] D) In the wood we spotted deer, squirrels, foxes, woodpeckers and owls.
- [ ] E) In the wood we spotted deer squirrels foxes woodpeckers and owls.

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65 Which phrase correctly shows that the bag belongs to the girl?

- [ ] A) the girls's bag
- [ ] B) the girls bag
- [ ] C) the girl's bag
- [ ] D) the girl' bag
- [ ] E) the girls' bag

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66 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "Watch out for the puddle!", yelled Omar.
- [ ] B) "Watch out for the puddle! yelled Omar.
- [ ] C) "Watch out for the puddle" yelled Omar.
- [ ] D) "Watch out for the puddle"! yelled Omar.
- [ ] E) "Watch out for the puddle!" yelled Omar.

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67 Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- [ ] A) in October, Nadia moved from Norfolk to France.
- [ ] B) In October, nadia moved from Norfolk to France.
- [ ] C) In October, Nadia moved from norfolk to France.
- [ ] D) In october, Nadia moved from Norfolk to France.
- [ ] E) In October, Nadia moved from Norfolk to France.

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68 Which letters does the apostrophe replace in 'wasn't'?

- [ ] A) e
- [ ] B) o
- [ ] C) i
- [ ] D) ou
- [ ] E) u

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69 Where should the comma go in this sentence?

"Later that morning the bus pulled away."

- [ ] A) after 'pulled'
- [ ] B) after 'morning'
- [ ] C) after 'the'
- [ ] D) after 'that'
- [ ] E) after 'Later'

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70 This sentence has one comma that should not be there. Which comma is it?

"On the beach we found, shells, seaweed, pebbles, driftwood and crab claws."

- [ ] A) the comma after 'shells'
- [ ] B) the comma after 'seaweed'
- [ ] C) the comma after 'pebbles'
- [ ] D) the comma after 'found'

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71 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "Put your books away now," announced the captain.
- [ ] B) "Put your books away now, announced the captain.
- [ ] C) "put your books away now," announced the captain.
- [ ] D) Put your books away now, announced the captain.
- [ ] E) "Put your books away now,", announced the captain.

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72 Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- [ ] A) Every Thursday, Leah walks to the Bakery with Amira.
- [ ] B) Every thursday, Leah walks to the bakery with Amira.
- [ ] C) every Thursday, Leah walks to the bakery with Amira.
- [ ] D) Every thursday, leah walks to the bakery with amira.
- [ ] E) Every Thursday, Leah walks to the bakery with Amira.

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73 Where should the comma go in this sentence?

"Early one morning Tom picked up his bag and left."

- [ ] A) after 'one'
- [ ] B) after 'up'
- [ ] C) after 'morning'
- [ ] D) after 'picked'
- [ ] E) after 'Early'

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74 Where should commas be added to this sentence?

"At the market we bought cabbages bread plums and potatoes."

- [ ] A) after 'cabbages' and 'bread'
- [ ] B) after 'cabbages'
- [ ] C) after 'bought' and 'cabbages'
- [ ] D) after 'bread'
- [ ] E) after 'bought', 'cabbages' and 'bread'

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75 One word in this sentence needs an apostrophe. Which word is it?

"The children hat caught my eye straight away."

- [ ] A) straight
- [ ] B) caught
- [ ] C) children
- [ ] D) The
- [ ] E) hat

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76 Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- [ ] A) Grace is visiting Leeds on Sunday.
- [ ] B) Grace is visiting Leeds on sunday.
- [ ] C) grace is visiting Leeds on Sunday.
- [ ] D) grace is visiting leeds on sunday.
- [ ] E) Grace is visiting leeds on Sunday.

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77 Choose the correctly written contraction to complete the sentence.

"_____ your grandmother feeling today?"

- [ ] A) ho'ws
- [ ] B) how's
- [ ] C) how s
- [ ] D) h'ows
- [ ] E) hows

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78 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) Just before dawn: everyone sat down to listen.
- [ ] B) Just, before dawn everyone sat down to listen.
- [ ] C) Just before dawn everyone sat, down to listen.
- [ ] D) Just before dawn, everyone sat down to listen.
- [ ] E) Just before dawn; everyone sat down to listen.

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79 This sentence has one comma that should not be there. Which comma is it?

"The band played, flutes, violins, trumpets and drums."

- [ ] A) the comma after 'flutes'
- [ ] B) the comma after 'violins'
- [ ] C) the comma after 'played'

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80 One word in this sentence needs an apostrophe. Which word is it?

"The children bike was mentioned in the story."

- [ ] A) mentioned
- [ ] B) bike
- [ ] C) story
- [ ] D) The
- [ ] E) children

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81 Which words should go inside inverted commas in this sentence?

"Dad called That is amazing!"

- [ ] A) Dad called
- [ ] B) That is amazing
- [ ] C) That is
- [ ] D) Dad called That
- [ ] E) is amazing

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82 Which sentence uses the contraction correctly?

- [ ] A) Here s the book you asked for.
- [ ] B) Here's' the book you asked for.
- [ ] C) H'eres the book you asked for.
- [ ] D) Here's the book you asked for.
- [ ] E) Heres the book you asked for.

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83 Where should the comma go in this sentence?

"After lunch Tom picked up his bag and left."

- [ ] A) after 'Tom'
- [ ] B) after 'picked'
- [ ] C) after 'After'
- [ ] D) after 'up'
- [ ] E) after 'lunch'

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84 This sentence has one comma that should not be there. Which comma is it?

"Dad's toolbox contains, nails, hammers, pliers and spanners."

- [ ] A) the comma after 'contains'
- [ ] B) the comma after 'nails'
- [ ] C) the comma after 'hammers'

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85 One word in this sentence needs an apostrophe. Which word is it?

"The people kennel caught my eye straight away."

- [ ] A) people
- [ ] B) caught
- [ ] C) straight
- [ ] D) The
- [ ] E) kennel

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86 Which punctuation mark is missing from the gap?

"The shop closes at five_____" whispered Tom.

- [ ] A) ?
- [ ] B) ,
- [ ] C) .
- [ ] D) :
- [ ] E) ;

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87 Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- [ ] A) Every Tuesday, harry walks to the garden with Jack.
- [ ] B) Every tuesday, harry walks to the garden with jack.
- [ ] C) Every tuesday, Harry walks to the garden with Jack.
- [ ] D) Every Tuesday, Harry walks to the garden with Jack.
- [ ] E) Every Tuesday, Harry walks to the Garden with Jack.

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88 Which letters does the apostrophe replace in 'weren't'?

- [ ] A) ou
- [ ] B) wi
- [ ] C) e
- [ ] D) o
- [ ] E) ha

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89 Correct all the punctuation and capitalisation errors in this line of dialogue: "we should hurry" said ade "before the gates close"

(3)

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90 This sentence has one comma that should not be there. Which comma is it?

"The recipe calls for, flour, eggs, sugar, vanilla and milk."

- [ ] A) the comma after 'for'
- [ ] B) the comma after 'flour'
- [ ] C) the comma after 'sugar'
- [ ] D) the comma after 'eggs'

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91 The ball belongs to the children.

Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?

- [ ] A) The children' ball was mentioned in the story.
- [ ] B) The childrens' ball was mentioned in the story.
- [ ] C) The child's ball was mentioned in the story.
- [ ] D) The childrens ball was mentioned in the story.
- [ ] E) The children's ball was mentioned in the story.

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92 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "Today we are reading a new story," Announced the captain.
- [ ] B) "Today we are reading a new story, announced the captain.
- [ ] C) Today we are reading a new story, announced the captain.
- [ ] D) "Today we are reading a new story," announced the captain.
- [ ] E) "Today we are reading a new story,", announced the captain.

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93 How many words in this sentence need a capital letter?

"we have a trip to york in january."

- [ ] A) 1
- [ ] B) 2
- [ ] C) 3
- [ ] D) 5
- [ ] E) 4

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94 Which letters does the apostrophe replace in 'you're'?

- [ ] A) ha
- [ ] B) a
- [ ] C) no
- [ ] D) u
- [ ] E) ou

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95 Which words are the fronted adverbial in this sentence?

"At the end of the lesson, the river began to rise."

- [ ] A) At the end of the lesson the
- [ ] B) the river
- [ ] C) the river began to rise
- [ ] D) the
- [ ] E) At the end of the lesson

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96 One word in this sentence needs an apostrophe. Which word is it?

"The mice drawing caught my eye straight away."

- [ ] A) caught
- [ ] B) The
- [ ] C) straight
- [ ] D) drawing
- [ ] E) mice

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97 Which punctuation mark is missing from the gap?

"There is a spider on the ceiling_____" replied Tom.

- [ ] A) ;
- [ ] B) ,
- [ ] C) .
- [ ] D) :
- [ ] E) ?

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98 How many words in this sentence need a capital letter?

"tom is visiting cardiff on wednesday."

- [ ] A) 1
- [ ] B) 5
- [ ] C) 4
- [ ] D) 3
- [ ] E) 2

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99 Which letters does the apostrophe replace in 'we're'?

- [ ] A) wi
- [ ] B) ha
- [ ] C) a
- [ ] D) no
- [ ] E) e

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100 Which words are the fronted adverbial in this sentence?

"Over the hills, the river began to rise."

- [ ] A) Over the hills
- [ ] B) the river began to rise
- [ ] C) the river
- [ ] D) the
- [ ] E) Over the hills the

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101 Where should commas be added to this sentence?

"The recipe calls for milk butter sugar and eggs."

- [ ] A) after 'milk' and 'butter'
- [ ] B) after 'milk'
- [ ] C) after 'for', 'milk' and 'butter'
- [ ] D) after 'for' and 'milk'
- [ ] E) after 'butter'

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102 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "I left my bag on the bus," replied Grandad.
- [ ] B) "i left my bag on the bus," replied Grandad.
- [ ] C) "I left my bag on the bus,", replied Grandad.
- [ ] D) "I left my bag on the bus," Replied Grandad.
- [ ] E) "I left my bag on the bus, replied Grandad.

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103 One word in this sentence needs a capital letter but does not have one. Which word is it?

"Amira said that Cornwall is lovely in february."

- [ ] A) lovely
- [ ] B) that
- [ ] C) is
- [ ] D) february
- [ ] E) said

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104 Which two words does the contraction 'haven't' stand for?

- [ ] A) is not
- [ ] B) have not
- [ ] C) does not
- [ ] D) could not
- [ ] E) was not

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105 Where should the comma go in this sentence?

"During the night Omar tied his laces."

- [ ] A) after 'During'
- [ ] B) after 'tied'
- [ ] C) after 'Omar'
- [ ] D) after 'his'
- [ ] E) after 'night'

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106 Where should commas be added to this sentence?

"The recipe calls for eggs sugar flour and butter."

- [ ] A) after 'for' and 'eggs'
- [ ] B) after 'for', 'eggs' and 'sugar'
- [ ] C) after 'eggs'
- [ ] D) after 'sugar'
- [ ] E) after 'eggs' and 'sugar'

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107 Which phrase correctly shows that the lunch belongs to the men?

- [ ] A) the man's lunch
- [ ] B) the men' lunch
- [ ] C) the men's lunch
- [ ] D) the mens' lunch
- [ ] E) the mens lunch

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108 Look at sentence [3] of 'The Night Ferry': "Wheres the ferry gone" asked Priya, staring into the fog. This sentence has two punctuation errors.

(3)

109 Look at sentence [4] of 'The Night Ferry': "Layla packed her bag's: a torch, a flask of tea, and an old brass compass." Identify the punctuation error and write out the sentence correctly.

(2)

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110 Look at sentence [5] of 'The Night Ferry': "The three sailor's coats were soaked through by the time they reached the pier." Identify the punctuation error and write out the sentence correctly.

(2)

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111 Read the paragraph below, about the village fete. It contains exactly five punctuation errors, one in each numbered sentence. Identify and correct each one.

(a) The fete was held on Saturday morning, everyone from the village came.
(b) Mrs Kowalski's stall sold jam's, chutney and homemade bread.
(c) "Would you like a slice of cake" asked Ade, holding out a plate.
(d) The rain that everyone had feared, never arrived.
(e) By six oclock the last stall had packed away.

(a) Sentence (a) **(1)**

(b) Sentence (b) **(1)**

(c) Sentence (c) **(1)**

(d) Sentence (d) **(1)**

(e) Sentence (e) **(1)**

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Question 1

B) the comma after 'bought' - a comma must not separate the lead-in words from the first item of the list **B1**

Answer: B) the comma after 'bought'

Question 2

A) the people's drawing - the irregular plural does not end in s so 's is added **B1**

Answer: A) the people's drawing

Question 3

C) 3 - the first word of a sentence and every name of a person, place, day or month needs a capital letter **B1**

Answer: C) 3

Question 4

C) won't - 'won't' is the contraction of 'will not', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: C) won't

Question 5

B) Every Friday, a fox crept across the lawn. - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: B) Every Friday, a fox crept across the lawn.

Question 6

D) after 'butter' and 'sugar' - commas separate the items in a list, but there is none before 'and' and none after the lead-in words **B1**

Answer: D) after 'butter' and 'sugar'

Question 7

E) The women's hat is the topic of the next lesson. - the irregular plural does not end in s so 's is added **B1**

Answer: E) The women's hat is the topic of the next lesson.

Question 8

C) "It is nearly time for lunch," announced Grandad. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: C) "It is nearly time for lunch," announced Grandad.

Question 9

E) Every Friday, Priya walks to the river with Leah. - capital letters are used for the start of a sentence and for names of people, places, days and months, but not for common nouns **B1**

Answer: E) Every Friday, Priya walks to the river with Leah.

Question 10

D) After the storm - the fronted adverbial is the opening phrase that says when, where or how, followed by a comma **B1**

Answer: D) After the storm

Question 11

C) after 'plums' and 'cabbages' - commas separate the items in a list, but there is none before 'and' and none after the lead-in words **B1**

Answer: C) after 'plums' and 'cabbages'

Question 12

E) The geese's voice was noticed by everyone. - the irregular plural does not end in s so 's is added **B1**

Answer: E) The geese's voice was noticed by everyone.

Question 13

C) "I would like another slice of cake," said Omar. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: C) "I would like another slice of cake," said Omar.

Question 14

A) leah - 'leah' is a name of a person, place, day or month, so it needs a capital letter **B1**

Answer: A) leah

Question 15

B) hasn't - 'hasn't' is the contraction of 'has not', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: B) hasn't

Question 16

C) after 'morning' - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: C) after 'morning'

Question 17

B) men - 'men' names the owner of the hat, so it is the word that needs the apostrophe **B1**

Answer: B) men

Question 18

D) , - a comma ends spoken words that are followed by the reporting clause **B1**

Answer: D) ,

Question 19

A) 3 - the first word of a sentence and every name of a person, place, day or month needs a capital letter **B1**

Answer: A) 3

Question 20

D) after 'rung' - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: D) after 'rung'

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Question 21

B) In the wood we spotted badgers, deer, woodpeckers, foxes and squirrels. - commas separate the items in a list, with 'and' joining the last two **B1**

Answer: B) In the wood we spotted badgers, deer, woodpeckers, foxes and squirrels.

Question 22

C) the farmer's bedroom - the owner is singular so the apostrophe goes before the s **B1**

Answer: C) the farmer's bedroom

Question 23

A) In November, Omar moved from Ireland to Cornwall. - capital letters are used for the start of a sentence and for names of people, places, days and months, but not for common nouns **B1**

Answer: A) In November, Omar moved from Ireland to Cornwall.

Question 24

E) ha - in 'you've' the apostrophe stands where the letters 'ha' of 'you have' were left out **B1**

Answer: E) ha

Question 25

D) after 'hurry' - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: D) after 'hurry'

Question 26

B) march - 'march' is a name of a person, place, day or month, so it needs a capital letter **B1**

Answer: B) march

Question 27

B) after 'bread' and 'plums' - commas separate the items in a list, but there is none before 'and' and none after the lead-in words **B1**

Answer: B) after 'bread' and 'plums'

Question 28

C) The ladies' map was mentioned in the story. - the plural ends in s so the apostrophe goes after it **B1**

Answer: C) The ladies' map was mentioned in the story.

Question 29

A) , - a comma ends spoken words that are followed by the reporting clause **B1**

Answer: A) ,

Question 30

E) I'll - 'I'll' is the contraction of 'I will', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: E) I'll

Question 31

A) Along the path - the fronted adverbial is the opening phrase that says when, where or how, followed by a comma **B1**

Answer: A) Along the path

Question 32

C) the comma after 'contains' - a comma must not separate the lead-in words from the first item of the list **B1**

Answer: C) the comma after 'contains'

Question 33

D) dog - 'dog' names the owner of the lunch, so it is the word that needs the apostrophe **B1**

Answer: D) dog

Question 34

E) Run for the bus - inverted commas go round the exact words that are spoken, and nothing else **B1**

Answer: E) Run for the bus

Question 35

D) Freya told me that the museum in Scotland closes on Saturday. - capital letters are used for the start of a sentence and for names of people, places, days and months, but not for common nouns **B1**

Answer: D) Freya told me that the museum in Scotland closes on Saturday.

Question 36

B) aren't - 'aren't' is the contraction of 'are not', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: B) aren't

Question 37

A) Across the valley, Priya put her coat on. - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: A) Across the valley, Priya put her coat on.

Question 38

B) the comma after 'has' - a comma must not separate the lead-in words from the first item of the list **B1**

Answer: B) the comma after 'has'

Question 39

D) The driver's shoe was noticed by everyone. - the owner is singular so the apostrophe goes before the s **B1**

Answer: D) The driver's shoe was noticed by everyone.

Question 40

D) "Help me carry this!" yelled Omar. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: D) "Help me carry this!" yelled Omar.

Question 41

B) In November, Ben moved from Spain to Cornwall. - capital letters are used for the start of a sentence and for names of people, places, days and months, but not for common nouns **B1**

Answer: B) In November, Ben moved from Spain to Cornwall.

Question 42

A) wouldn't - 'wouldn't' is the contraction of 'would not', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: A) wouldn't

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Question 43

B) after 'sudden' - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: B) after 'sudden'

Question 44

B) after 'tables' and 'plants' - commas separate the items in a list, but there is none before 'and' and none after the lead-in words **B1**

Answer: B) after 'tables' and 'plants'

Question 45

D) the bird's basket - the owner is singular so the apostrophe goes before the s **B1**

Answer: D) the bird's basket

Question 46

C) ? - a question mark ends a spoken question, even when the reporting clause follows **B1**

Answer: C) ?

Question 47

B) o - in 'hadn't' the apostrophe stands where the letters 'o' of 'had not' were left out **B1**

Answer: B) o

Question 48

E) Last summer, a fox crept across the lawn. - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: E) Last summer, a fox crept across the lawn.

Question 49

C) after 'prizes' and 'helpers' - commas separate the listed items; the optional comma before the final and is not required, and no comma separates the verb from its list of objects **B1**

Answer: C) after 'prizes' and 'helpers'

Question 50

B) "My brother is learning to swim," explained Omar. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: B) "My brother is learning to swim," explained Omar.

Question 51

B) Garden - 'garden' is a common noun, so it does not need a capital letter **B1**

Answer: B) Garden

Question 52

D) She's the fastest runner in our year. - 'she's' is the contraction of 'she is', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: D) She's the fastest runner in our year.

Question 53

B) After lunch, the children lined up in silence. - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: B) After lunch, the children lined up in silence.

Question 54

A) the comma after 'pack' - a comma must not separate the lead-in words from the first item of the list **B1**

Answer: A) the comma after 'pack'

Question 55

D) the child's bike - the owner is singular so the apostrophe goes before the s **B1**

Answer: D) the child's bike

Question 56

C) "Please close the window," muttered Amira. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: C) "Please close the window," muttered Amira.

Question 57

E) could not - 'couldn't' is short for 'could not' **B1**

Answer: E) could not

Question 58

A) Very carefully, Omar tied his laces. - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: A) Very carefully, Omar tied his laces.

Question 59

B) the comma after 'of' - a comma must not separate the lead-in words from the first item of the list **B1**

Answer: B) the comma after 'of'

Question 60

D) the geese's bedroom - the irregular plural does not end in s so 's is added **B1**

Answer: D) the geese's bedroom

Question 61

C) ? - a question mark ends a spoken question, even when the reporting clause follows **B1**

Answer: C) ?

Question 62

A) We have a trip to Bristol in February. - capital letters are used for the start of a sentence and for names of people, places, days and months, but not for common nouns **B1**

Answer: A) We have a trip to Bristol in February.

Question 63

E) o - in 'couldn't' the apostrophe stands where the letters 'o' of 'could not' were left out **B1**

Answer: E) o

Question 64

D) In the wood we spotted deer, squirrels, foxes, woodpeckers and owls. - commas separate the items in a list, with 'and' joining the last two **B1**

Answer: D) In the wood we spotted deer, squirrels, foxes, woodpeckers and owls.

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Question 65

C) the girl's bag - the owner is singular so the apostrophe goes before the s **B1**

Answer: C) the girl's bag

Question 66

E) "Watch out for the puddle!" yelled Omar. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: E) "Watch out for the puddle!" yelled Omar.

Question 67

E) In October, Nadia moved from Norfolk to France. - capital letters are used for the start of a sentence and for names of people, places, days and months, but not for common nouns **B1**

Answer: E) In October, Nadia moved from Norfolk to France.

Question 68

B) o - in 'wasn't' the apostrophe stands where the letters 'o' of 'was not' were left out **B1**

Answer: B) o

Question 69

B) after 'morning' - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: B) after 'morning'

Question 70

D) the comma after 'found' - a comma must not separate the lead-in words from the first item of the list **B1**

Answer: D) the comma after 'found'

Question 71

A) "Put your books away now," announced the captain. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: A) "Put your books away now," announced the captain.

Question 72

E) Every Thursday, Leah walks to the bakery with Amira. - capital letters are used for the start of a sentence and for names of people, places, days and months, but not for common nouns **B1**

Answer: E) Every Thursday, Leah walks to the bakery with Amira.

Question 73

C) after 'morning' - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: C) after 'morning'

Question 74

A) after 'cabbages' and 'bread' - commas separate the items in a list, but there is none before 'and' and none after the lead-in words **B1**

Answer: A) after 'cabbages' and 'bread'

Question 75

C) children - 'children' names the owner of the hat, so it is the word that needs the apostrophe **B1**

Answer: C) children

Question 76

A) Grace is visiting Leeds on Sunday. - capital letters are used for the start of a sentence and for names of people, places, days and months, but not for common nouns **B1**

Answer: A) Grace is visiting Leeds on Sunday.

Question 77

B) how's - 'how's' is the contraction of 'how is', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: B) how's

Question 78

D) Just before dawn, everyone sat down to listen. - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: D) Just before dawn, everyone sat down to listen.

Question 79

C) the comma after 'played' - a comma must not separate the lead-in words from the first item of the list **B1**

Answer: C) the comma after 'played'

Question 80

E) children - 'children' names the owner of the bike, so it is the word that needs the apostrophe **B1**

Answer: E) children

Question 81

B) That is amazing - inverted commas go round the exact words that are spoken, and nothing else **B1**

Answer: B) That is amazing

Question 82

D) Here's the book you asked for. - 'here's' is the contraction of 'here is', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: D) Here's the book you asked for.

Question 83

E) after 'lunch' - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: E) after 'lunch'

Question 84

A) the comma after 'contains' - a comma must not separate the lead-in words from the first item of the list **B1**

Answer: A) the comma after 'contains'

Question 85

A) people - 'people' names the owner of the kennel, so it is the word that needs the apostrophe **B1**

Answer: A) people

Question 86

B) , - a comma ends spoken words that are followed by the reporting clause **B1**

Answer: B) ,

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Question 87

D) Every Tuesday, Harry walks to the garden with Jack. - capital letters are used for the start of a sentence and for names of people, places, days and months, but not for common nouns **B1**

Answer: D) Every Tuesday, Harry walks to the garden with Jack.

Question 88

D) o - in 'weren't' the apostrophe stands where the letters 'o' of 'were not' were left out **B1**

Answer: D) o

Question 89

corrects the opening of the speech, including the capital 'W' on 'We' and a comma (not nothing) before the closing speech mark: '"We should hurry,"' **B1**

corrects the reporting clause, including the capital 'A' on the proper noun 'Ade' and a comma after 'Ade' before the quotation resumes: 'said Ade,' **B1**

corrects the closing of the speech, including a full stop inside the final closing speech mark: 'before the gates close."' **B1**

Answer: "We should hurry," said Ade, "before the gates close."

Question 90

A) the comma after 'for' - a comma must not separate the lead-in words from the first item of the list **B1**

Answer: A) the comma after 'for'

Question 91

E) The children's ball was mentioned in the story. - the irregular plural does not end in s so 's is added **B1**

Answer: E) The children's ball was mentioned in the story.

Question 92

D) "Today we are reading a new story," announced the captain. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: D) "Today we are reading a new story," announced the captain.

Question 93

C) 3 - the first word of a sentence and every name of a person, place, day or month needs a capital letter **B1**

Answer: C) 3

Question 94

B) a - in 'you're' the apostrophe stands where the letters 'a' of 'you are' were left out **B1**

Answer: B) a

Question 95

E) At the end of the lesson - the fronted adverbial is the opening phrase that says when, where or how, followed by a comma **B1**

Answer: E) At the end of the lesson

Question 96

E) mice - 'mice' names the owner of the drawing, so it is the word that needs the apostrophe **B1**

Answer: E) mice

Question 97

B) , - a comma ends spoken words that are followed by the reporting clause **B1**

Answer: B) ,

Question 98

D) 3 - the first word of a sentence and every name of a person, place, day or month needs a capital letter **B1**

Answer: D) 3

Question 99

C) a - in 'we're' the apostrophe stands where the letters 'a' of 'we are' were left out **B1**

Answer: C) a

Question 100

A) Over the hills - the fronted adverbial is the opening phrase that says when, where or how, followed by a comma **B1**

Answer: A) Over the hills

Question 101

A) after 'milk' and 'butter' - commas separate the items in a list, but there is none before 'and' and none after the lead-in words **B1**

Answer: A) after 'milk' and 'butter'

Question 102

A) "I left my bag on the bus," replied Grandad. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: A) "I left my bag on the bus," replied Grandad.

Question 103

D) february - 'february' is a name of a person, place, day or month, so it needs a capital letter **B1**

Answer: D) february

Question 104

B) have not - 'haven't' is short for 'have not' **B1**

Answer: B) have not

Question 105

E) after 'night' - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: E) after 'night'

Question 106

E) after 'eggs' and 'sugar' - commas separate the items in a list, but there is none before 'and' and none after the lead-in words **B1**

Answer: E) after 'eggs' and 'sugar'

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Question 107

C) the men's lunch - the irregular plural does not end in s so 's is added **B1**

Answer: C) the men's lunch

Question 108

identifies and corrects the missing apostrophe: 'Wheres' should be 'Where's' (cao) **B1**

identifies and corrects the missing question mark, which is needed before the closing speech mark because the quoted words form a question: 'gone?"' (cao) **B1**

writes out the whole sentence correctly punctuated: '"Where's the ferry gone?" asked Priya, staring into the fog.' (cao) **B1**

Answer: "Where's the ferry gone?" asked Priya, staring into the fog.

Question 109

identifies that 'bag's' is wrong: this is a simple plural (more than one bag), not a possessive, so no apostrophe is needed **B1**

writes the full corrected sentence: 'Layla packed her bags: a torch, a flask of tea, and an old brass compass.' (cao) **B1**

Answer: Layla packed her bags: a torch, a flask of tea, and an old brass compass.

Question 110

identifies that 'sailor's' is wrong: since there are three sailors, the apostrophe for this regular plural possessive must go after the 's' ('sailors"), not before it **B1**

writes the full corrected sentence: 'The three sailors' coats were soaked through by the time they reached the pier.' (cao) **B1**

Answer: The three sailors' coats were soaked through by the time they reached the pier.

Question 111

(a) identifies the comma splice and gives a valid correction (oe), for example: 'The fete was held on Saturday morning; everyone from the village came.' **B1**

(a) Answer: The fete was held on Saturday morning; everyone from the village came.

(b) identifies that 'jam's' is an unnecessary apostrophe on a simple plural and corrects it to 'jams' (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: Mrs Kowalski's stall sold jams, chutney and homemade bread.

(c) identifies the missing question mark before the closing speech mark and inserts it: 'cake?"' (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: "Would you like a slice of cake?" asked Ade, holding out a plate.

(d) identifies the unnecessary comma before 'never arrived' and removes it (cao) **B1**

(d) Answer: The rain that everyone had feared never arrived.

(e) identifies the missing apostrophe in 'oclock' and corrects it to 'o'clock' (cao) **B1**

(e) Answer: By six o'clock the last stall had packed away.

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