15.1 Question Marks and Exclamation Marks: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

The Surprise Parcel

Source written for Revision Library (original, copyright-free). A short original story for Year 2 punctuation practice.

Priya heard a loud knock at the door. A big parcel was waiting on the step outside. She called for her brother, Tomas. Tomas ran down the stairs to see what it was. The parcel was addressed to both of them. Priya carefully cut the tape with scissors. Inside was a shiny kite, striped red and gold. Tomas jumped up and down with excitement. Their dog, Rex, sniffed at the wrapping paper on the floor. It was the best surprise of the whole week.

1 Practice question (not marked). Circle the punctuation mark that correctly finishes this question.

What is inside the parcel . ? !

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2 Tick the sentence that is a question.

- ☐ A) Priya opened the parcel.
- ☐ B) Priya opened the parcel!
- ☐ C) Did Priya open the parcel?
- ☐ D) Open the parcel.

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3 Tick the sentence that is an exclamation showing strong feeling.

- ☐ A) The kite is red and gold.
- ☐ B) What a beautiful kite!
- ☐ C) Is the kite red or gold?
- ☐ D) The kite has stripes.

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4 Put the correct punctuation mark in the box at the end of this sentence.

Who sent the parcel [ ]

(1)

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5 Put the correct punctuation mark in the box at the end of this sentence.

What a huge parcel [ ]

(1)

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6 This sentence has the wrong punctuation mark at the end. Write it out correctly.

Why is Rex barking.

(1)

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7 This sentence has the wrong punctuation mark at the end. Write it out correctly.

What an enormous kite.

(1)

8 Write three sentences of your own about the story. One sentence must be a question ending with a question mark, one must be an exclamation ending with an exclamation mark, and one must be a statement ending with a full stop. Remember a capital letter at the start of each sentence.

(3)

9 Sort the sentences from the bank into the correct column of the table.

Who sent the parcel	What a fantastic surprise	Is the kite red or gold	How exciting this is	Can Tomas open the parcel	What a noisy dog Rex is

Needs a question mark	Needs an exclamation mark

(2)

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Mark scheme · 15.1 Question Marks and Exclamation Marks: 10-minute Pack

Question 1

Practice question - not marked. Teacher may read the sentence aloud and check pupils understand it is asking something. -

Answer: **? (question mark)**

Question 2

C ticked only (cao) **B1**

Answer: **C**

Question 3

B ticked only (cao) **B1**

Answer: **B**

Question 4

question mark ? given (cao, no other mark accepted) **B1**

Answer: **?**

Question 5

exclamation mark ! given (cao, no other mark accepted) **B1**

Answer: **!**

Question 6

question mark given in place of the full stop, rest of sentence copied correctly (cao) **B1**

Answer: **Why is Rex barking?**

Question 7

exclamation mark given in place of the full stop, rest of sentence copied correctly (cao) **B1**

Answer: **What an enormous kite!**

Question 8

sensible question about the story with a capital letter at the start and a question mark at the end (oe) **B1**

sensible exclamation about the story with a capital letter at the start and an exclamation mark at the end (oe) **B1**

sensible statement about the story with a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end (oe) **B1**

Answer: **Did Priya like her present? What a lucky surprise it was! Tomas helped her open the box.**

Question 9

Who sent the parcel, Is the kite red or gold, and Can Tomas open the parcel all listed correctly under 'Needs a question mark' (all three needed for the mark) **B1**

What a fantastic surprise, How exciting this is, and What a noisy dog Rex is all listed correctly under 'Needs an exclamation mark' (all three needed for the mark) **B1**

Answer: **Needs a question mark: Who sent the parcel; Is the kite red or gold; Can Tomas open the parcel. Needs an exclamation mark: What a fantastic surprise; How exciting this is; What a noisy dog Rex is.**

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