8.4 Speech Punctuation Multiple Speakers: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

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Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided. Write in full sentences where asked.

Missing the Team Bus

Source written for Revision Library (original, copyright-free). Written specifically for this worksheet as a short multi-speaker dialogue extract for practising speech punctuation.

"Where is everybody?" asked Zara, glancing down the empty corridor.

"The coach left ten minutes ago," said Priya. "I watched it pull out of the gate myself."

Mr Fenton hurried round the corner, his keys jangling in his hand. "Don't panic," he said. "I've already rung the depot, and they're sending a replacement."

"Will we still get to the match on time?" Zara asked, checking her watch.

"If we leave within five minutes, we should," Mr Fenton replied. "Grab your kit bags and wait by the main gate."

Priya frowned. "What if the replacement bus doesn't turn up either?"

"Then," said Mr Fenton, smiling despite himself, "we walk. All two miles of it."

1 Look again at the source text 'Missing the Team Bus'. State which character speaks each of the following quotations.

(a) "Where is everybody?" **(1)**

(b) "I watched it pull out of the gate myself." **(1)**

(c) "Don't panic," **(1)**

(d) "Will we still get to the match on time?" **(1)**

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(e) "we walk. All two miles of it." **(1)**

2 Punctuate this sentence so that the reporting clause splits the speech and a NEW sentence begins afterwards. Do not change the words: wait here mr fenton said i will fetch the kit bags

(3)

3 This exchange between two speakers is wrongly written as a single paragraph. Rewrite it correctly, using a new paragraph for each speaker's turn. Do not change any words or punctuation.

"Have you finished your homework?" asked Mrs Adeyemi. "Not yet," said Tom.

(2)

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4 Look again at this line from the source text: "Then," said Mr Fenton, smiling despite himself, "we walk. All two miles of it."

(a) Is "we walk" the start of a brand new sentence, or a continuation of the sentence that began with "Then"? **(1)**

(b) Which piece of punctuation proves this? **(1)**

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5 Look again at "Where is everybody?" and "The coach left ten minutes ago," in the source text.

(a) Are these spoken by the same character or different characters? **(1)**

(b) How does the layout of the text tell you this? **(1)**

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Question 1

(a) Zara — **B1**

(a) Answer: **Zara**

(b) Priya — **B1**

(b) Answer: **Priya**

(c) Mr Fenton — **B1**

(c) Answer: **Mr Fenton**

(d) Zara — **B1**

(d) Answer: **Zara**

(e) Mr Fenton — **B1**

(e) Answer: **Mr Fenton**

Question 2

opening inverted commas and a capital letter start the first part of the speech, with a comma before the closing inverted commas — **B1**

'Mr Fenton said' correctly capitalised, followed by a FULL STOP (not a comma) because a new sentence follows, then inverted commas reopened — **B1**

the second part of the speech begins with a capital letter because it is a new sentence, ending with a full stop inside the final closing inverted commas, cao — **B1**

Answer: **"Wait here," Mr Fenton said. "I will fetch the kit bags."**

Question 3

identifies that two different speakers' words are wrongly kept in one paragraph — **B1**

correct rewrite with each speaker's turn given a new paragraph, punctuation otherwise unchanged, cao — **B1**

Answer:"Have you finished your homework?" asked Mrs Adeyemi.

"Not yet," said Tom.

Question 4

(a) a continuation of the same sentence (the full sentence is 'Then we walk') — **B1**

(a) Answer: **It is a continuation of the same sentence.**

(b) "we" begins with a lower-case letter; a new sentence would need a capital letter — **B1**

(b) Answer: **'we' starts with a lower-case letter, which it would not do if it began a new sentence.**

Question 5

(a) different characters (Zara, then Priya) — **B1**

(a) Answer: **Different characters.**

(b) the two quotations are in separate paragraphs, which signals a change of speaker — **B1**

(b) Answer: **Each quotation is in its own paragraph, and a new paragraph always signals a change of speaker.**

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