

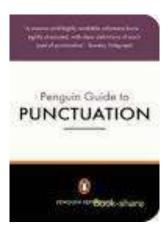
| | Capital Letter | | | | ! | | 4499 | , | | : | : | _ | () |
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| | Indicating a proper noun | Demarcating a sentence | full stop | ? question mark | exclamation mark | comma | inverted commas | apostrophe | ellipsis | colon | semi-colon | dash/hyphen | brackets |
| 1 | - For own name - For personal pronoun 'l' – Yr R | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | For people's names (inc. title), places and days of week – Yr 1 | For the first word in a sentence - Yr 1 | For ending a sentence – Yr 1 | For ending a direct question – Yr 1 | For ending a sentence, expressing strong emotion – Yr 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | For months of the year and special occasion days | For the first word in a line of poetry | | | | To separate items in a list – Yr 2 | | To indicate the contracted form – Yr 2 | | | | | |
| 4 | For addresses (inc. formatting of an address | | | | | For greetings and closings in a letter | | | | | | | |
| 5 | For all proper nouns | For the first word in speech – Yr 3/4 | | | | After fronted adverbials – Yr 3/4 | To indicate direct speech – Yr3/4 | | To indicate that a sentence has been left unfinished | | | | |
| 6 | | | Within speech – Yr3/4 | Within speech – Yr 3/4 | Within speech – Yr 3/4 | To separate a fronted subordinate clause from the main clause | | To indicate the possessive form – Yr 3/4 | | | | | |
| 7 | For major words in titles, brand names and acronyms | | | | | Before direct speech – Yr 3/4 | | Use of the apostrophe for its and it's – Yr 3/4 | | Within playscripts to introduce a speaker | | | Within playscripts for stage directions |
| 8 | | | | | | To identify an embedded clause or phrase – Yr 5/6 | Do not use to punctuate indirect speech | | | | | | |
| 9 | Capital letters in speech | Within speech that is interrupted by a reporting clause – Yr 3/4 | | | | To conclude speech which is interrupted or followed by a reporting clause – Yr 3/4 | | | | | | To join a prefix to a root word , especially if the prefix ends in a vowel and the root word also begins in one. | |
| 10 | | | For complete sentences in bullet pointed lists and within brackets – Yr 5/6 | | | In large numbers | | | | To introduce items in a list, including a bullet-pointed list – Yr 5/6 | To punctuate phrases within a bullet pointed list – Yr 5/6 | To show parenthesis – a strong interruption from the flow of the sentence – Yr 5/6 | To show parenthesis – where the interruption is an aside Yr 5/6 |
| 11 | | | | Do not use to punctuate the end of an indirect question | | Gapping comma – to show where repeated information is omitted. Yr 5/6 | Use " " for speech and ' ' for quotation. | | To show that some material has been omitted from the middle of a direct quotation | To sum up, explain or contrast with the preceding sentence – Yr 5/6 | To connect two or more sentences that are closely related and are not joined by a coordinating conjunction Yr 5/6 | To show that words have been omitted at the end of a sentence that has been broken off – Yr 5/6 As a hyphen to avoid ambiguity – Yr 5/6 | To show parenthesis – where the interruption is additional information or a brief explanation – Yr 5/6 |



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For further guidance on each of these objectives refer to:

The Penguin Guide to Punctuation:



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