

Progression of Punctuation

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Finger spaces . Full stop	Finger spaces Capital Letters for start of sentences, proper nouns and the pronoun 'I'. . Full stop ? Question mark ! Exclamation mark	Appropriate spaces Capital Letters for start of sentences, proper nouns and the pronoun 'I'. . Full stop ? Question mark ! Exclamation mark , Comma for list ' Apostrophe for omission ' Apostrophe for singular possession	Appropriate spaces Capital Letters for start of sentences, proper nouns and the pronoun 'I'. . Full stop ? Question mark ! Exclamation mark , Comma for list ' Apostrophe for omission ' Apostrophe for singular possession <u>" "</u> Inverted commas for direct speech	Appropriate spaces Capital Letters for start of sentences, proper nouns and the pronoun 'I'. . Full stop ? Question mark ! Exclamation mark , Comma for list ' Apostrophe for omission ' Apostrophe for singular possession <u>" "</u> All punctuation correct for direct speech. ' Apostrophe for plural possession , Comma after fronted adverbials	Appropriate spaces Capital Letters for start of sentences, proper nouns and the pronoun 'I'. . Full stop ? Question mark ! Exclamation mark , Comma for list ' Apostrophe for omission ' Apostrophe for singular possession <u>" "</u> All punctuation correct for direct speech. ' Apostrophe for plural possession , Comma after fronted adverbials <u>() - - ,</u> Parenthesis : Colon to begin list	Appropriate spaces Capital Letters for start of sentences, proper nouns and the pronoun 'I'. . Full stop ? Question mark ! Exclamation mark , Comma for list ' Apostrophe for omission ' Apostrophe for singular possession <u>" "</u> All punctuation correct for direct speech. ' Apostrophe for plural possession , Comma after fronted adverbials <u>() - - ,</u> Parenthesis : Colon to begin list Bullet points for listing ; - Joining main clauses : Joining main clauses - Hyphens to avoid ambiguity ; Semi-colons within lists



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Bold formatting indicates that ARE children are beginning to use these features correctly by the end of the year but may not be secure.