

## Year 4 - Punctuation



### Inverted commas

Inverted commas are used to punctuate **direct speech**.

“How wonderful to see you!”  
exclaimed Dad.

### Question Marks

Question marks mark the end of a question.

Where is it?  
What's the time?



### Full stops

Full stops mark the end of a sentence.

I like school.  
The cat has black fur.

### Apostrophes

Apostrophes are used for omission (missing out letters) or possession (showing belonging).

Can not                      can't  
The cat belongs to Jim.  
It is Jim's cat.

### Exclamation Marks

Exclamation marks mark the end of an exclamation.

Ouch! That hurts!  
What big ears you have!



### Commas

Commas separate words in a list. These might be **adjectives** or a list of objects.

The **mean, grumpy** ogre.  
I packed socks, pants, shorts and a t-shirt in my suitcase.

Commas also separate an independent clause from a **subordinate clause**.

**When it is sunny**, I like to go outside.  
**If it is hot**, I will put on a hat.

Commas also mark a fronted adverbial of **time, reason, manner** or **place**.

**Tomorrow**, it will be hot.  
**Because of the snow**, we stayed inside.  
**With a piercing stare**, she bolted forward.  
**In the heart of the jungle**, the jaguar waited for  
it's prey