

# Missing Punctuation

## Part A

### Punctuation Pointers:

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- Use a capital letter for the start of names, places, days of the week, months of the year and the word 'I'.
- Put full stops (.) at the end of sentences.
- Put questions marks (?) at the end of questions.
- Put an exclamation mark (!) at the end of an exclamation sentence (a sentence that begins with 'what' or 'how' and contains a verb).
- Put an exclamation mark (!) at the end of a sentence that shows a strong feeling, like surprise or anger.
- Use commas (,) to separate items in a list.

On the next page, Mrs. Rabbit has written a letter to her sister, but Peter Rabbit has got muddy footprints all over it and some of the punctuation has been covered up! Can you work out what punctuation should be under each footprint?

The first one has been done for you.

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|---|---|---|--|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | . | 5 |  | 9  |  | 13 |  |
| 2 |   | 6 |  | 10 |  | 14 |  |
| 3 |   | 7 |  | 11 |  | 15 |  |
| 4 |   | 8 |  | 12 |  | 16 |  |

Under the Root of the Sand-bank  
Very Big Fir-tree  
Bluebell Woods  
Hawkshead  
Cumbria

30<sup>th</sup> June 1901

Dear Agnes,

I do hope all is well with you<sup>1</sup> What a busy time we have been having here<sup>2</sup> You may have guessed that it has been Peter that has been up to mischief<sup>3</sup> I went to the baker's shop and I told Flopsy<sup>4</sup> Mopsy<sup>5</sup> Cottontail and Peter that they must stay in the lane and not go into Mr. McGregor's garden<sup>6</sup> Well, can you guess what Peter did<sup>7</sup> That's right<sup>8</sup> He went straight into Mr. McGregeor's garden<sup>9</sup> Don't you think he would have been too scared to do that after what happened to his father<sup>10</sup> Well, I can hardly believe it, Agnes<sup>11</sup> I didn't find out until this morning about what he had been up to. Last night I just thought he had been out playing all day.

From what I can work out, he ate lettuces<sup>12</sup> radishes and French beans there<sup>13</sup> I think that this, along with the stress of the day, made him very unwell<sup>14</sup> He had to go to bed last night with a spoon of camomile tea while the girls enjoyed their blackberries<sup>15</sup> bread and milk. What a lesson he had to learn<sup>16</sup>

Look forward to seeing you soon, my dear.

Love,

Dot

Can you write the start of the letter Agnes wrote back? Make sure you include capital letters, full stops, at least one exclamation mark, at least one question mark and commas in a list.

Sandy Burrow  
Oak Tree  
Streamside Woods  
Hawkshead  
Cumbria

5<sup>th</sup> July 1901

Dear Dot,

Thank you for your letter...

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# Missing Punctuation

## Part B

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- Use commas (,) to separate items in a list.
- Use an apostrophe (') to show where letters are missing in words, e.g. don't.
- Use an apostrophe (') to show something belongs to someone, e.g. Peter's jacket.

On the next page, there are some punctuation mistakes in a letter that Mr. McGregor has written to his sister. Can you add in any missing punctuation marks and correct any letters which should be capital letters?

The first correction has been marked for you.

Stony Cottage  
Blackberry Lane  
Hawkshead  
Cumbria

30<sup>th</sup> June 1901

D  
Dear daphne,

I hope you are well. I haven't seen you in a while, so I thought I would write to you. How are my nephews, Fraser Stephen and John We are fine here but i am so fed up of all the animals who come into the garden what do i have to do to stop them stealing all my vegetables

yesterday, I had the cheekiest little rabbit you can imagine coming into the garden I chased him off but he didn't go easily i think he would have stayed in my garden all day if id have let him

it was a shame as he broke one of my best flower-pots when i was chasing him I dont think I will be able to fix it. if you come soon, can you bring your rabbit trap, please Id like to borrow it. I might catch a rabbit for my pie if I have a proper trap

this cheeky little rabbit was wearing a little blue jacket and a pair of shoes have you ever heard of a rabbit wearing clothes It all sounds very strange.

Anyway, I can hear Mrs. McGregors voice calling me now so id better be off.

Hope to see you soon, daphne

Love,

Bert

Can you write a note from Peter Rabbit to Mr. McGregor, apologising for coming into his garden? (It's best not to write a full letter as Peter doesn't want to put his address on it or Mr. McGregor might come after him.) You must include capital letters, full stops, commas in a list, at least one apostrophe, at least one question mark and at least one exclamation mark.

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# Missing Punctuation Answers

## Part A

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|------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1. . | 5. ,      | 9. ! or . | 13. .      |
| 2. ! | 6. .      | 10. ?     | 14. .      |
| 3. . | 7. ?      | 11. !     | 15. . or ! |
| 4. , | 8. ! or . | 12. ,     | 16. !      |

Example answer:

Sandy Burrow  
Oak Tree  
Streamside Woods  
Hawkshead  
Cumbria

5<sup>th</sup> July 1901

Dear Dot,

*Thank you for your letter. It's always so lovely to hear from you and what a busy time you have been having!*

*Please don't worry about Peter. He just has an adventurous spirit and he will calm down soon. How is he feeling now? I hope he is fully recovered. I really hope that he won't go in the garden again.*

*I will be coming to visit you all next week. I shall bring cakes, biscuits, fruit and cream. What a wonderful time we will have together!*

*I can't wait to see you all.*

Love,

Agnes

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Cumbria

30<sup>th</sup> June 1901

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This cheeky little rabbit was wearing a little blue jacket and a pair of shoes! Have you ever heard of a rabbit wearing clothes? It all sounds very strange!

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Hope to see you soon, Daphne

Love,

Bert

### Challenge Task

Example answer:

*Dear Mr. McGregor,*

*I am writing to say sorry for coming into your garden last week. What a greedy little rabbit I was! I must admit I ate your radishes, lettuces and French beans. They were absolutely delicious!*

*I know now that I should not have taken your vegetables. I'm truly sorry. What can I do to make things better? Mother says that I must never come into your garden again and I won't. I promise.*

*Best wishes,*

*Peter*