

Punctuation Rules

Instructional Objective

Students review punctuation rules.

Game Objective

Match punctuation rule to an example

Set up

Student groups

Set of cards per group

Student Directions

1. Students place all cards with bold words face up on desk.
2. Students take turns reading a rule and finding a matching example.
3. Continue taking turns until all matches are made.

Variations

The students –

1. are instructed to develop another example for the rule.
2. are given only the rules, and they must write an example.
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4. play Concentration.

Comma before a direct quote

The teacher said, “It is time for lunch.”

Comma after the opening of a friendly letter

Dear Maria,

Please ask you mom if you can go to the movies with us.

Comma after the closing of a letter

Please ask you mom if you can go to the movies with us. We are going to a Disney show. I think you will enjoy it.

**Yours truly,
Sara**

The possessive form of singular nouns is usually made by adding an apostrophe and s.

I could hear the bog’s bark.

When a singular noun ends with an s or z sound, the possessive may be formed by adding just an apostrophe.

The business’ letter was delivered today.

When a singular noun is a one-syllable word ending with s, add both an apostrophe and s.

The bus's stop sign sprang open.

The possessive form of plural nouns ending in s is usually made by adding just an apostrophe.

Please clean the dogs' pen.

For plural nouns not ending in s, an apostrophe and s must be added.

The children's books were on the shelf.

When possession is shared by more than one noun, add an apostrophe and s to the last noun.

Lisa and Ray's mother made cookies for us.

Comma between words in a series

We played in the park, swam in the pool, and walked in the paths.

Comma between the day and the year in a date

I started school on August 19, 2008.

Comma between city and state

I live in San Antonio, Texas.

Use a comma in compound sentences when independent clauses are joined by these conjunctions: and, but, for, nor, yet, or so.

Bobby went to the store, but he forgot to get a newspaper.

Periods are always placed inside quotation marks.

Mark said, "Call me later."

A question mark or an exclamation point is placed inside the quotation marks when it punctuates the quotation.

She asked, "Will you be my friend?"

A question mark or an exclamation point is placed outside the quotation marks when it punctuates the main sentence.

Do you agree with the saying, “Practice makes perfect”?

Commas after introductory words

Suddenly, the angry cat jumped out of the dark.

Commas after introductory clause

As the child was walking to school, he was thinking about his spelling words.

Commas after introductory phrases

Without understanding why, Amanda was called to answer the question.

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