

Punctuation Worksheet

Below are three passages of writing taken from different texts. All of the punctuation marks have deliberately been missed out. Remember, punctuation marks include:

- apostrophes (')
- commas (,)
- exclamation marks (!)
- full stops (.)
- question marks (?) and
- speech marks ("")

Don't forget capital letters for people's names and places!

It might help if you read the passage out loud or focus on one thing at a time. Good luck!

Passage 1

the crystal waters of the caribbean are clear and calm hammerhead sharks silently patrol their territory as turtles paddle slowly around the coral all of a sudden the serenity is shattered in a frenzy of splashing and squeaking clicking and chattering a playful pod of dolphin arrives on the scene arcing

leaping and flipping among the waves sunlight glances across the still waters of the great barrier reef revealing a rainbow of coral and brightly coloured fish in this underwater garden a diver floats over the coral the heavy sound of her breathing bubbling up through the turquoise waters as she reaches the edge of the reef the sea bed drops away falling into an inky blackness where predators skulk in the shadows

You need to add, in the correct places: 11 capital letters; 7 full stops and 7 commas.

Passage 2

every week mr corlett took some of the children to the swimming pool the children were good swimmers and they liked going with mr corlett the children were taking a swimming test its time to begin said mr corlett who wants to go first we do said bethany

You need to add, in the correct places: 13 capital letters; 5 full stops; 1 question mark (?); 3 pairs of speech marks (") remember these go at the beginning and the end of when someone is speaking; 1 apostrophe (') used for making a word shorter e.g. there is becomes there's.

Passage 3

it was a fine autumn morning and the grass was very wet with dew outside barney pushed his breakfast down as fast as he could manage
what do you want to do today his grandmother asked as she drank her coffee i have to go in to sevenoaks this morning do you want to come
barneys heart sank go in to sevenoaks well it was all right if you had nothing else to do but he had to go and see stig
no thank you granny he said i dont think i want to go in to sevenoaks
youll be quite happy just messing about here asked his grandmother.
yes thank you i just want to mess about with stig

From Stig of the Dump by Clive King

You need to add, in the correct places: 24 capital letters; 13 full stops; 4 question marks; 6 pairs of speech marks and 3 apostrophes.