

Punctuation

Children learn a range of punctuation from capital letters and full stops from very early on to how to use colons and semicolons accurately in upper key stage 2.

Punctuation helps to clarify the meaning of the written word, it supports precision of meaning and helps the reader to use expression to further draw out its meaning. The punctuation taught includes:

- separation of words with spaces,
- capital letters, full stops,
- question marks,
- exclamation marks,
- paragraph breaks,
- commas for lists,
- apostrophes for contracted forms and possession,
- apostrophes for possession,
- inverted commas,
- brackets, dashes or commas (to indicate parenthesis),
- ellipses,
- bullet points,
- semi-colon,
- colon,
- dash,
- hyphen.