

Progression in punctuation

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>Begin to use:</p> <p>Finger spaces</p> <p>Full stops to demarcate sentences</p> <p>Capital letters at the start of a sentence and for own Name</p> <p>Personal Pronoun - I</p>	<p>Separation of words with finger spaces</p> <p>Capital letters at the start of a sentence, personal pronouns (I) and proper nouns.</p> <p>Introduce: Question marks Exclamation marks</p>	<p>Correct and consistence use of: Capital letters Full stops Question marks Exclamation marks</p> <p>Introduce: Speech marks to punctuate direct speech Apostrophes (Contractions) to mark where the letters are missing in spelling eg don't, can't Apostrophes to mark singular possession in nouns. Commas after 'ly' opener e.g fortunately, slowly Commas to separate items in a list</p>	<p>Consolidate Year 2</p> <p>Introduce: Inverted commas for direct speech</p> <p>Ellipses ... to keep the reader hanging on</p> <p>Colon before a list e.g What you need:</p>	<p>Consolidate Year 3</p> <p>Introduce: Apostrophe for single and plural possession</p> <p>Use commas to separate main clause and subordinate clauses</p> <p>Use inverted commas and other punctuation to punctuate direct speech.</p> <p>Use a comma after fronted adverbial</p>	<p>Consolidate Year 4</p> <p>Use the following to indicate parenthesis: ✓ Brackets ✓ Dashes ✓ Comma</p> <p>Use semi-colon, colon or dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity</p> <p>Link clauses in sentences using a range of subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions</p> <p>Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity Introduce: Colons Use direct and reported speech Dashes Bullet points</p>	<p>Consolidate all Years</p> <p>Use colon to introduce a list and semi colon within a list</p> <p>Use punctuation of bullet points to list information</p> <p>Use full range of punctuation matched to requirements of text type/genre</p> <p>Further develop the use hyphens to avoid ambiguity</p> <p>Use commas to punctuate relative clauses</p>