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One word in each sentence is missing an apostrophe. Underline the word and write out the correct version on the line. For example:

My parents car is old and rusty parents'

1. Nicholas wasnt allowed to play chess. _____
2. The tigers paw was tangled in some yarn. _____
3. We think shell win all the trophies. _____
4. Mr Smiths hat blew away in the breeze. _____
5. Wed like a chocolate-covered cookie. _____
6. The babies rattles were grubby. _____
7. Were a disgruntled group of people. _____
8. The womens handbags were spacious. _____
9. Both the bikes wheels had fallen off. _____

Hint: Look for words that show possession as well as shortened versions of words.

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Use either **it's** or **its** to complete each sentence. For example:

John's scooter fell onto its side.

10. _____ snowing outside; the flakes are tumbling down like feathers.
11. The dog licked _____ paw after the inconsiderate owner stood on it.
12. "_____ been ages since we met!" she gasped excitedly.
13. I think _____ time to go as everyone seems weary.
14. Italy is famous for _____ delicious cuisine.
15. Sometimes _____ hard to apologise, especially when you don't feel remorse.
16. I swerved out of the way as the car flashed _____ lights at me.
17. I hate my uncontrollable frizzy hair, so _____ time for a change!
18. The shop helpfully opened _____ doors early for us.

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Commas and Brackets

Brackets

Each of these sentences is missing a pair of brackets. Add brackets around the correct words in each sentence. For example:

Mr Smith (my neighbour) was mowing his lawn.

1. The M.P. Member of Parliament gave a rousing speech .
2. I despise vegetables don't tell my mum .
3. I'm catching a long-haul flight this evening Friday .
4. It costs £185 per child 7-11 years .
5. Sprint a verb means to run quickly .
6. I saw Miss Chaudhary my tutor shopping today .
7. Our vehicle is red bright red with a turquoise stripe .
8. Eclairs buns filled with cream are mouth-watering treats .
9. The pencils which belong to class 4 have been lost .

Hint: Remember that brackets are used to add extra information or explanations.

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Commas

Add one comma to each sentence so that it is correct. For example:

The door, which was bright red, shone in the sunlight.

10. Trembling with anticipation she opened the door.
11. The fox hesitated glared and sauntered away.
12. Mrs Jones, 46 witnessed the dangerous incident.
13. I sold my holiday cottage and moved to Maidstone Kent.
14. The panda just 3 months old, was absolutely adorable.
15. Julie Aunt Kirsty and Gita are intrepid mountaineers.
16. The bandit was a fearsome imposing man.
17. I played superbly although our goalie was abysmal.
18. So, if you feel inspired start writing your own blog.



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Starting and Ending Sentences

Read the passages below. Draw a circle where you would add a capital letter and add a full stop where you would end each sentence. For example:

①ustralia's koalas could be extinct in 30 years.

1. curling is a sport where participants take it in turns to slide sixteen stones across a sheet of ice they are aiming for a target at the end there are usually four people on a curling team and two teams play against each other the winning team is the team with the highest score after ten turns each

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2. the Ancient Egyptian God of the Sun was called Ra some images of Ra depict him with the head of a falcon and the body of a man he also had a disc representing the Sun resting on his head the Ancient Egyptians believed that all life was created by Ra

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Write out these sentences, adding punctuation so that they start and finish correctly. For example:

we've won a holiday to Japan We've won a holiday to Japan!

Hint: An ellipsis ('...') is used to show an unfinished thought at the end of a sentence.

3. let's hear you make some noise

4. everything was quiet, but just then

5. "get out of the way!" screamed Alfonso fiercely

6. daniel desperately asked his friend if she would help

7. why don't you go outside

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Speech Marks, Colons and Semicolons

Speech Marks

Rewrite this reported speech as direct speech. For example:

Oliver told his mum that he had eaten the cake.
"I have eaten the cake," Oliver told his mum.

1. She said that the toffees were delicious.

2. Mike claimed that he was on time last night.

3. He asked politely if he could be excused.

4. Carlos explained that it wasn't his fault.

5. He admitted that he started the fire.

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Colons & Semicolons

Add a colon or a semicolon to complete each sentence. For example:

They were missing the most important thing: a bucket.

6. Here's what you need to bring a towel, sunglasses and some goggles.
7. The shop sold mints as big as fists sweets that fizzed; and dark liquorice balls.
8. Roberto knew what was about to happen he was going to be sick.
9. The referee sent the footballer off Marcus visibly winced as he passed.
10. Julie had visited the following countries Turkey, Hong Kong and Brazil.
11. Cheese gives me nightmares I don't eat it before bedtime.
12. The company director was motivated by one thing money.
13. These are the five vowels in the alphabet a, e, i, o and u.
14. Fiona's book was very interesting she couldn't stop reading it.

Hint: A colon is used to introduce a list or a second clause.

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