

Progression in Punctuation









	Finger spaces	Capital letter	Full stop	Question Mark	Exclamation Mark	Ellipsis	Apostrophe	Inverted Commas	Comma	Brackets Dashes Commas	Colon Semi-colon	Hyphen
Year R	Breaks strings of letters into individual words	Own name										
Year 1	FS	Own name Beginning of a sentence Proper noun	In sentences	?			For possession and contraction					
Year 2	FS	Beginning of a sentence Proper noun	In sentences	?	!		For possession and contraction					
Year 3	FS	Beginning of a sentence Proper noun		?	!		For possession and contraction	6677				
Year 4	FS	Beginning of a sentence Proper noun	·	?	!		For possession and contraction	6677				
Year 5	FS	Beginning of a sentence Proper noun		?	!		For possession and contraction	6677	tists and clauses	() '' parenthesis	,	-
Year 6	FS	Beginning of a sentence Proper noun		?	!		For possession and contraction	6677	,	() _'_, parenthesis	•	-



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Examples

FS, A .	The child sat on a chair.
!	What a cute cat you have!
?	Is that your cat?
•••	There was a flicker of movement in the corner of his eye
4	He should've put food in the cat's bowl.
"	"You should've put food in the cat's bowl!" exclaimed mom, as she looked at
	his sad face.
,	He had a cute, pink nose. I enjoy apples, oranges, pears and grapes.
, Fronted	As soon as he woke up, he fed the cat.
adverbials	In the kitchen, the bowl stood empty.
()	In the kitchen, the bowl (which was blue) was empty.
	The cat - that was only 6 months old - jumped onto the fence.
, ,	In the corner, next to the tree, the cat hid in the bushes.
;	His ears were white; his nose was black.
:	David was upset: he hadn't seen his cat all day.
-	There it was - his ball had rolled behind the sofa.
Hyphen	She lapped up the ice-cold milk.