

Punctuation Exercises

Exercise 2.5 B

Practice based on Question 18 (Sample English tests: Grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 – Levels 3-5)

Purpose of exercise: Use of brackets, commas, dashes and speech

Which of the sentences below is punctuated correctly?

1.

Tick **one**.

Barney my brother (loves eating) peppermint spiders.

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Barney (my brother) loves eating peppermint spiders.

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Barney (my brother loves eating) peppermint spiders.

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Barney my brother (loves eating peppermint) spiders.

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2.

Tick **one**.

Bears snakes, lions and tigers, were all scared of the mouse.

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Bears, snakes, lions, and tigers were all scared of the mouse.

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Bears, snakes, lions and tigers were all scared of the mouse.

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Bears, snakes, lions and tigers were all, scared of the mouse.

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3.

Tick **one**.

The elf was so smart – or so he thought – he should be king.

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The elf was so smart or so – he thought he – should be king.

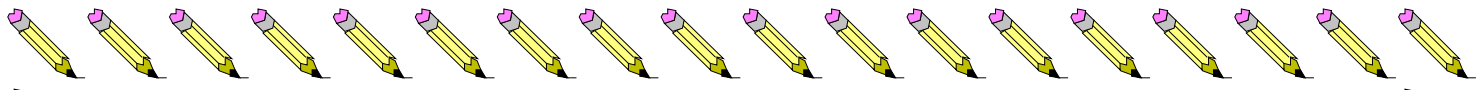
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The elf was so smart – or so he thought he should – be king.

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The elf was – so smart or so he thought – he should be king.

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4.

Tick **one**.

“Why? is the giant crying” asked Princess Eleanor.

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“Why is the giant? crying” asked Princess Eleanor.

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“Why is the giant crying” asked Princess Eleanor?

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“Why is the giant crying?” asked Princess Eleanor.

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5.

Tick **one**.

Knights should always, have a sword, shield and clean pants!

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Knights, should always have a sword shield and clean pants!

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Knights should always have a sword, shield, and clean pants!

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Knights should always have, a sword, shield, and clean pants!

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6.

Tick **one**.

Familiars (witch’s companions) are normally small animals.

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Familiars witch’s (companions are normally) small animals.

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Familiars (witch’s) companions are normally small animals.

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Familiars witch’s companions (are normally small) animals.

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7.

Tick **one**.

Dan agreed that despite being scary – some ghosts – are nice.

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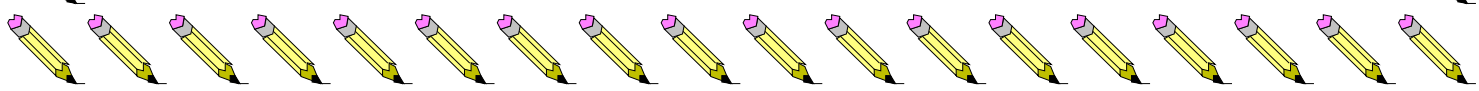
Dan – agreed that despite – being scary some ghosts are nice.

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Dan agreed that – despite being scary – some ghosts are nice.

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Dan agreed that despite – being scary – some ghosts are nice.

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8.

“That dinosaur is enormous!” shouted Cheng.

Tick **one**.

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“That dinosaur! is enormous” shouted Cheng.

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“That dinosaur is enormous” shouted! Cheng.

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“That! dinosaur is enormous” shouted Cheng.

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9.

The (fizzy banana drink) his favourite tickled Peter’s nose.

Tick **one**.

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The fizzy banana (drink his favourite tickled) Peter’s nose.

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The fizzy banana drink (his favourite) tickled Peter’s nose.

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The (fizzy banana) drink his favourite tickled Peter’s nose.

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10.

Emily unless she was too, tired loved playing, dragon polo.

Tick **one**.

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Emily, unless she was too tired, loved playing dragon polo.

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Emily unless she, was too tired, loved playing dragon polo.

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Emily unless she was too tired loved, playing dragon, polo.

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