

Test Your Grammar Skills

Practice with Punctuation Marks in English 1

Cut up the cards, mix them up, then put them back together!

full stop	.	at the end of a sentence	I hope Tom had a great birthday.
dot	.	between words in an email address or URL	tom.birthday@abc.uk.co
comma	,	to separate clauses in a sentence	Tom, who was a fireman, had a great birthday.
		to separate words in a list	Tom received: a book, a torch, and a lovely cake.
apostrophe	'	between a noun and s in a possessive phrase	Tom's birthday was great.
		with contractions to show that a letter is missing	Tom's going to have a great birthday!
question mark	?	at the end of a question	Did Tom have a great birthday?
		when you don't understand part of a text	Tom's birthday was great. (??)
exclamation mark	!	at the end of a sentence to give emphasis	Tom had a <i>great</i> birthday!
		at the end of a sentence to show that it is humorous	Tom slipped and fell on his birthday cake!
speech marks	"..."	before and after something which somebody says	"Tom had a great birthday," said Tina.
		to highlight something ironic in a sentence	Tom had a "great" birthday.
capital letters	ABC...	at the start of a sentence	Tom had a party which...
		at the start of proper nouns and for abbreviations	Tom watched BBC News before the party began.

This worksheet can be photocopied and used without charge

Test Your Grammar Skills

Practice with Punctuation Marks in English 2

Cut up the cards, mix them up, then put them back together!

semi-colon	;	to create a short pause between clauses in a sentence	Tom had a great birthday; he really enjoyed it.
colon	:	to create a pause between clauses, when the following clause is related to the first	Tom had a great birthday: he got so many presents.
		in website addresses (URLs) and times	http://www.tom.uk.co 17:57
hyphen	-	to join together compound words	There were thirty-five people at Tom's party.
		at the end of a line to show that the word continues on the next line	There were more than thirty people at the party.
dash	–	to separate a particular clause from the rest of the sentence	Tom's party – which was on Friday night – was great.
		indicates a short pause in a sentence	Tom got so many presents – it was incredible!
brackets	()	to add extra information in a sentence, without interrupting it	Tom's cousin (in a purple tie) made a speech.
forward slash	/	used in website addresses (URLs)	http://www.party.uk.co
		used to divide letters in an acronym	The invitation said: "See you at the w/e." (weekend)
at	@	used in email addresses	Please reply ASAP to: tom@party.uk.co
		used at the beginning of usernames on Twitter	Everybody followed back @tom&friends on Twitter
hash / pound sign	#	at the start of hashtags on social networks, e.g. Twitter	Tom had a great birthday #cakeincident #party
ellipsis	...	to show that part of the text is missing, or continues elsewhere	Tom's party was just the beginning...

This worksheet can be photocopied and used without charge