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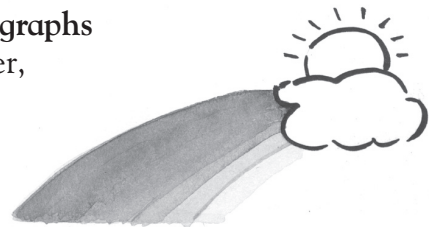
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"I think we should go swimming anyway" said Sophie.
"We might get wet ... let's wait a bit longer," suggested Nick.
"We can't swim without getting wet, Nick. What difference does it make?" Sophie asked.
"Hey!" exclaimed Nick.
"What is it?" asked Sophie.
"Look – a rainbow over the beach!" cried Nick.
"Quick, get your spade – we'll be rich!" exclaimed Sophie.



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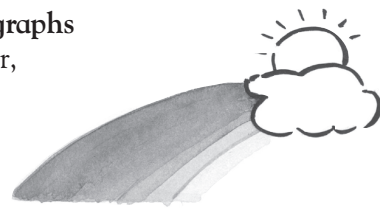
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There are many slight variations possible in the answers to these punctuation exercises. Your child may realize that there are creative choices in the use of punctuation, but a knowledge of the basic rules should be evident in his or her writing.