

9. Grandpa claims that Martian measles \_\_\_\_\_ (causes/cause) green and purple spots to erupt all over a person's body.
10. The dog, digging holes in the sofa cushions \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) Peanut, Elizabeth's new puppy.
11. Even though the jury \_\_\_\_\_ (want/wants) to believe that the defendant did not feed Elvis to the Loch Ness Monster, much of the evidence points to the guilt.
12. Neither the students nor their instructor \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) happy with the long cafeteria line for squid eyeball stew.
13. Neither of Freud's parents \_\_\_\_\_ (has/have) much intelligence when it comes to choosing spouses. Freud's father has married five times, and Mom just presented him with stepfather number three.
14. Each of these women \_\_\_\_\_ (wish/wishes) that she had read the care instructions before washing the delicate and expensive dresses.
15. Who needs a pet if you live in Florida? There already \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) lizards that sneak in between the window screens and cockroaches that take up residence in every bathroom and kitchen.
16. Susan is one of those students who \_\_\_\_\_ (kiss/kisses) up to the instructor every chance that they get.
17. There \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) more calories in a bowl of chocolate-broccoli breakfast cereal than you might think.

## SESSION - 5

### 🔗 PUNCTUATIONS

To fully understand basic grammar rules, you also need to look at punctuation rules.

- **Capitalization** is important. All sentences must start with a capital, or upper-case, letter. Titles of people, books, magazines, movies, specific places, etc. are capitalized. Organizations and compass points are capitalized.
- Every sentence needs a **punctuation mark** at the end of it. These include a period, exclamation mark, or question mark.
- **Colons** are used to separate a sentence from a list of items, to introduce a long, direct quote, or between two sentences (or clauses) when the second one explains the first.
- **Semicolons** can take the place of a conjunction and are placed before introductory words like "therefore" or "however." They are also used to separate a list of things if there are commas within each unit.
- There are a lot of rules for **commas**. The basic ones are that commas separate things in a series and go wherever there is a pause in the sentence. They surround the name of a person being addressed, separate the day of the month from the year in a date, and separate a town from the state.
- **Parentheses** enclose things that clarify or numbers and letters that are part of a list.
- **Apostrophes** are used in contractions to take the place of one or more letters and also to show possession. An apostrophe and "s" is added if the noun is singular and an apostrophe alone is added if the noun is plural.

## EXERCISE 8

**Directions for Q1 to Q10:** Choose the correct punctuated sentence.

1. (a) Michael Suza Emperor of Ethiopia visited Ghana in 2004  
(b) Michael Suza Emperor of ethiopia visited Ghana in 2004.  
(c) Michael Suza , Emperor of Ethiopia visited Ghana in 2004.  
(d) Michael Suza Emperor of Ethiopia visited Ghana in 2004.

Answer: [c]

2. (a) although he studied very hard for the examination he did not pass  
(b) Although, he studied very hard for the examination, he did not pass.  
(c) Although he studied very hard for the examination, he did not pass.  
(d) Although he studied very hard for the examination....he did not pass.

Answer: [c]

3. (a) i do not believe you chewe the teacher said when you say this is your own work.  
(b) I do not believe you. Chewe the teacher said. When you say this is your own work.  
(c) "I do not believe you ,Chewe," the teacher said, " when you say this is your own work."  
(d) " I do not believe you Chewe the teacher said when you say this is your own work."

Answer: [c]

4. (a) For breakfast, we had cereal, toast, peanut butter and jelly.  
(b) For breakfast we had Cereal Toast Peanut Butter and Jelly.  
(c) for breakfast we had cereal. toast. peanut butter and jelly.  
(d) For breakfast we had Cereal.....toast....peanut butter and jelly....

Answer: [a]

5. (a) we moved from san juan puerto rico on december 1 2004  
(b) we moved from san juan. puerto rico, on december 1 2004,  
(c) We moved from San Juan, Puerto Rico on December 1, 2004.  
(d) We moved, from San Juan Puerto Rico on December 1..2004.

Answer: [c]

6. (a) i cant hold on much longer screamed akiko  
(b) I can't hold on much longer, screamed Akiko.  
(c) I can't hold on much longer. Screamed Akiko.  
(d) "I can't hold on much longer," screamed Akiko.

Answer: [d]

7. (a) the woman screamed to her son stop pulling the dogs tail  
(b) The woman screamed to her, " Son stop pulling the dog's tail!"  
(c) The woman screamed to her son, "Stop pulling the dogs tail."  
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Answer: [c]

8. (a) we were sorry to see that the sign on the door said closed  
(b) We are sorry to see that the sign on the door said closed.  
(c) We are sorry to see, that the sign on the door, said "closed."  
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Answer: [c]

9. (a) when she got there she asked the cashier would you accept a cheque  
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Answer: [b]

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(d) Ann, Joanne and Alison were playing in Ann's garden.

Answer: [d]

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#### Fill in the blanks.

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4. The man asked me how \_\_\_\_\_ (**get**) to the airport.  
5. I can't imagine Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (**go**) by bike.  
6. Are you thinking of \_\_\_\_\_ (**visit**) London?  
7. He agreed \_\_\_\_\_ (**buy**) a new car.  
8. The teacher expected Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) hard.  
9. I look forward to \_\_\_\_\_ (**see**) you at the weekend.  
10. The question is easy \_\_\_\_\_ (**answer**).

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5. Julia reported \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the boys to the police.

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