

Grammar Sense

4th
Grade

They're leaving the park.



Did the dog's
tail wag?

"Wait for me!" she yelled.

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COMMAS and SEMICOLONS

Commas are used in lists,

We need eggs, milk, butter and sugar to make the cookies.

to break up long sentences,

But, since I had forgotten to bring my lunch with me, and since my sister didn't have any money to lend me, I had to call my Dad and ask him to bring it to school.



after quotes,

"Let's take a break from homework and get a snack," my mom suggested.

and to break up quotes.

"Hey," she said, "That roller coaster wasn't so scary after all!"



Semicolons are used in place of conjunctions

I exercise three days a week because it helps me stay in shape.

I exercise three days a week ; it helps me stay in shape.

We went to the movies but they were closed.

We went to the movies; they were closed.



or to combine short sentences that are related to one another.

My aunt loves to cook ; she makes dinner for us every week.

Figure out whether these sentences need commas or semicolons.

Write them into each sentence.

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QUOTATION MARKS

Quotation marks are used to show when a character in a sentence is making a statement, or when a narrator is quoting someone directly.

She stared at me and asked, "Have we met? You look familiar."

Quotation marks are not used when a sentence uses an indirect quote.

The waiter said they were out of tomato soup.

Insert the missing quotation marks into these sentences.

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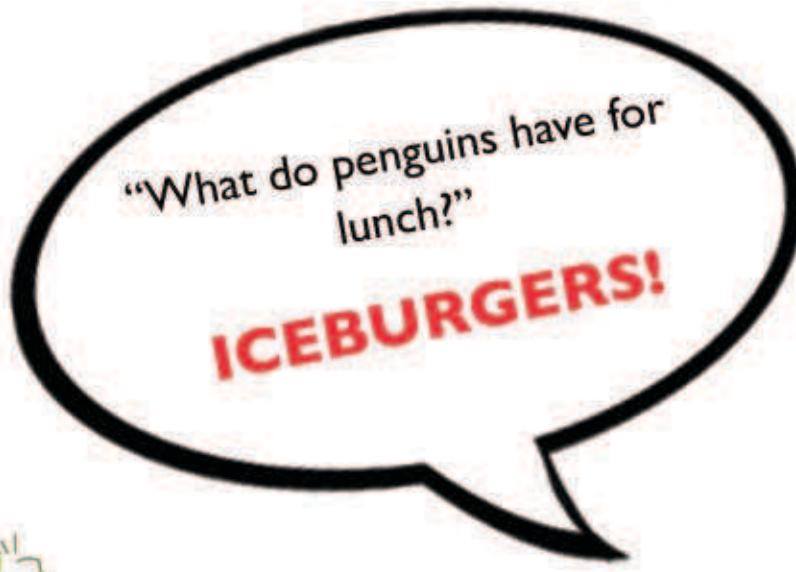
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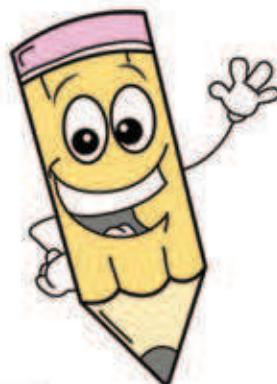
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Quotation Marks



Comma



Apostrophe



Exclamation Point



Period



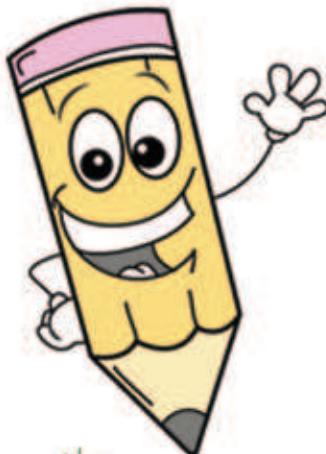
Question Mark



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Sally the Reporter
Bay Town News

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1. Steves a nice guy.
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Fill in the missing punctuation. Use some or all of the following:

Period . Exclamation mark ! Question mark ? Apostrophe ‘

Comma , Quotation marks “ ” Semi Colon ; Colon :

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See answer sheet to check work.



FORMAL WRITING

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Use your knowledge of grammar and punctuation to edit this newspaper article! Mark your corrections in brightly-colored pen or marker.

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by marshall mallett

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Judges were impressed by her work. In all my years, ive never seen a project that accomplished something this important said jane mitchell a judge on the panel. with a cure for the common cold now found scientists may be able to find cures for other common seasonal ailments like the flue.

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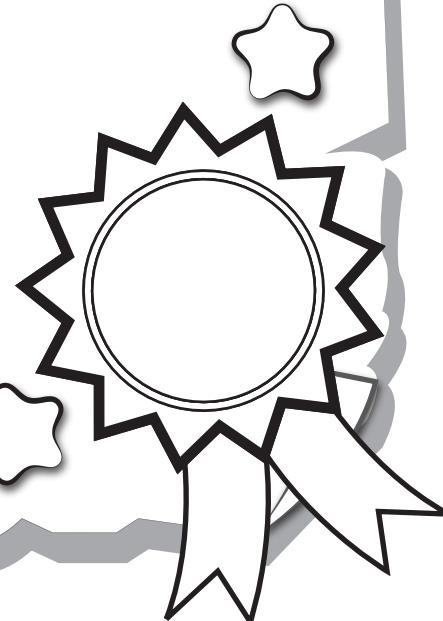
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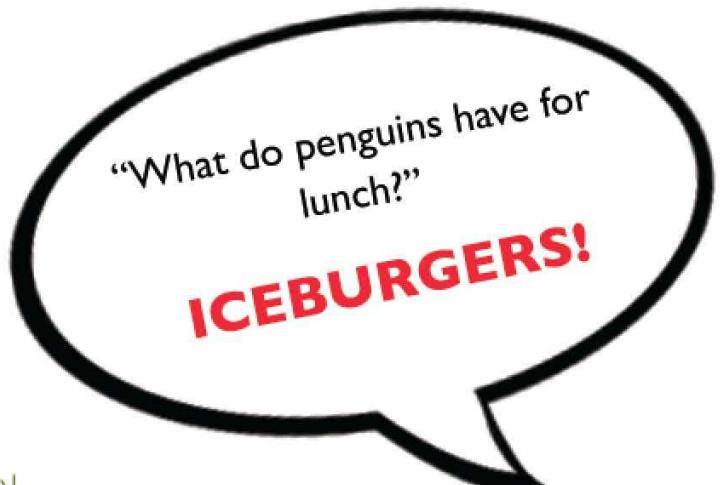
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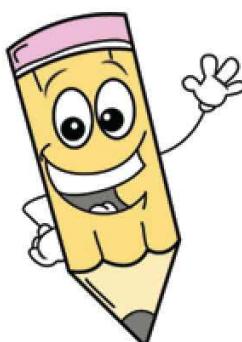
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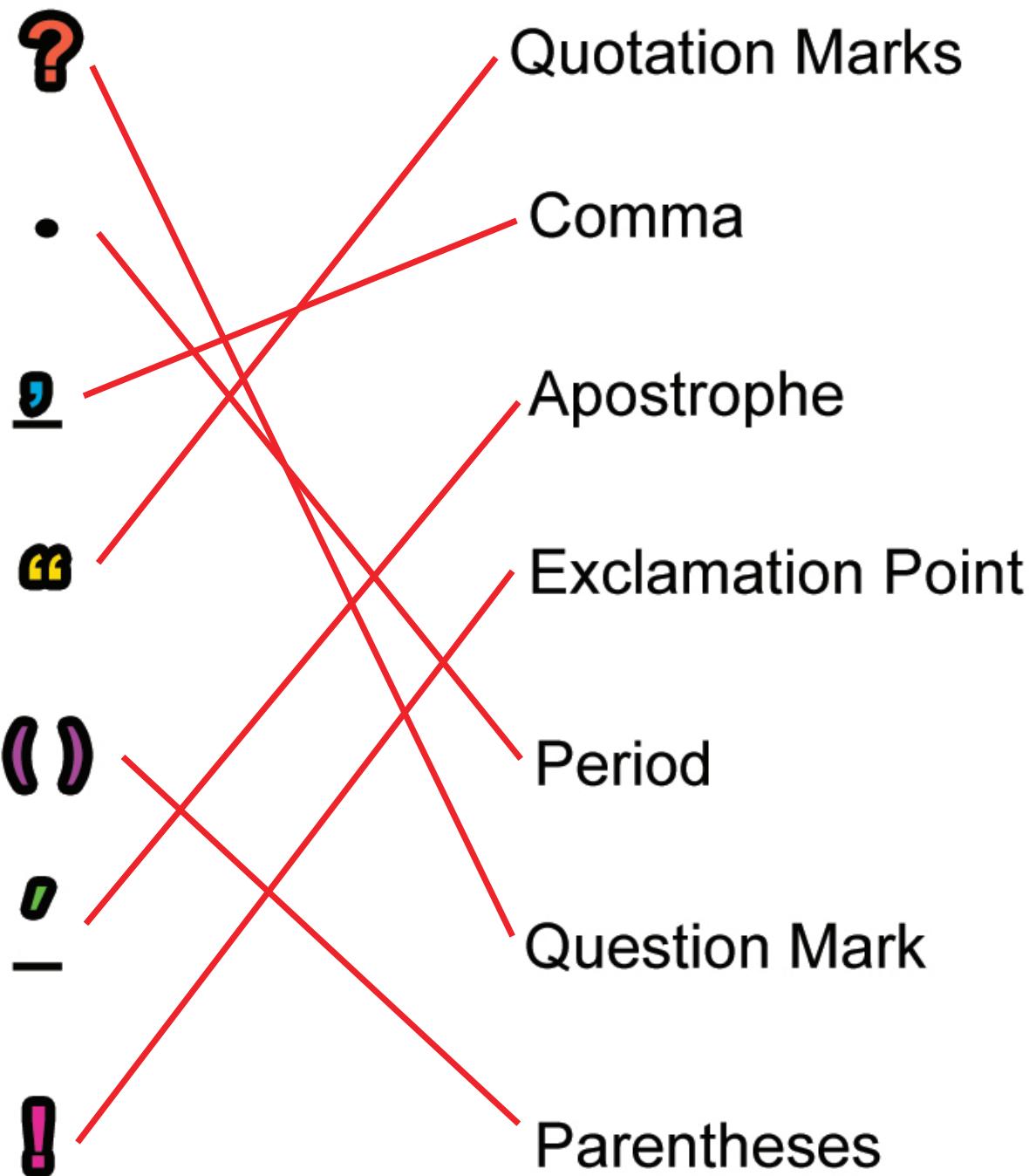


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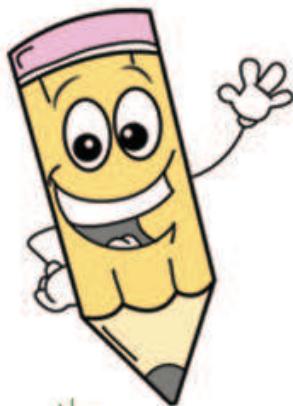
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