

# Punctuation

Practice Makes Perfect

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## The Bear and the Bees

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The End



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Fill in the periods at the end of each sentence.



## The Sun and the Wind

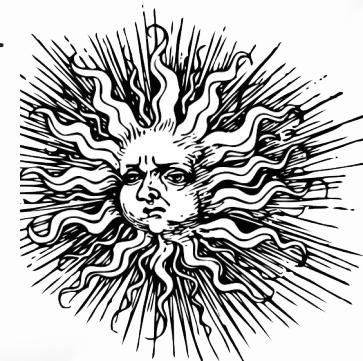
The wind and the sun argued one day over which one was the stronger. Spotting a man traveling on the road, they made a challenge to see which one could take the coat from the man's back the quickest.

The wind began. He blew strong gusts of air, so strong that the man could barely walk against them. But the man clutched his coat tight against him. The wind blew harder and longer, and the harder the wind blew, the

tighter the man held his coat against him. The wind blew until he was exhausted, but he could not remove the coat from the man's back.

It was now the sun's turn. He gently sent his beams upon the traveler. The sun did very little, but quietly shone upon his head and back until the man became so warm that he took off his coat and headed for the nearest shade.

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## The Cat and the Rooster

One day a cat happened to grab hold of rooster for its evening meal. She wanted, however, a good excuse for killing the bird.

I need to rid the world of you, she told the rooster. You constantly make your horrible noises throughout the night, interfering with men's much needed sleep. The world will be

better off without you.

No, said the rooster, I crow for the good of men. I wake them up each morning when it is time for them to start work for the day, so that they may earn their living.

Ridiculous! said the cat, and she ate him.



The End

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## The Boy Who Cried Wolf

There once was a boy who kept sheep not far from the village. He would often become bored and to amuse himself he would call out, "Wolf! Wolf," although there was no wolf around.

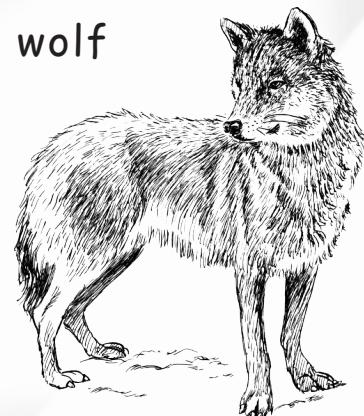
The villagers would stop what they were doing and run to save the sheep from the wolf's jaw. Once they arrived at the pasture, the boy just

laughed. The naughty boy played this joke over and over until the villagers tired of him.

One day while the boy was watching the sheep, a wolf did come into the fold. The boy cried and cried, "Wolf! Wolf!"

No one came. The wolf had a feast of sheep that day.

The End





## The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg

A man and his wife owned a very special goose. Every day the goose would lay a golden egg, which made the couple very rich.

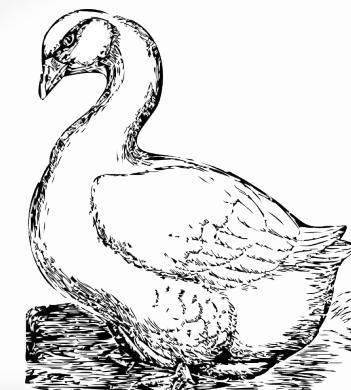
Just think, said the man's wife, If we could have all the golden eggs that are inside the goose, we could be richer much faster.

You're right, said her husband,

We wouldn't have to wait for the goose to lay her egg every day.

So, the couple killed the goose and cut her open, only to find that she was just like every other goose. She had no golden eggs inside of her at all, and they had no more golden eggs.

The End





## The Peacock's Complaint

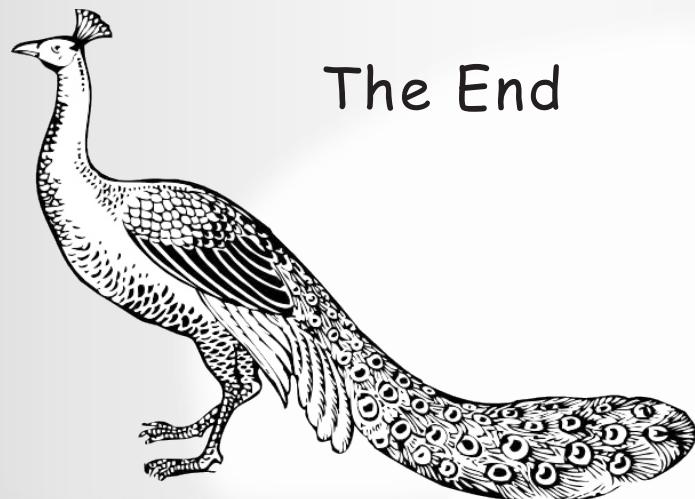
A peacock was very unhappy with his ugly voice, and he spent most of his days complaining about it.

It is true that you cannot sing, said the fox, But look how beautiful you are!

Oh, but what good is all this beauty, moaned the disheartened bird, with such an unpleasant voice!

Listen, said the fox, Each

one has its special gift. You have such beauty, the nightingale has his song, the owl has his eyes, and the eagle his strength. Even if you had a eloquent voice, you would still complain about another thing.



The End



## The Wolf and the Goat

A wolf who was out searching for a meal saw a goat feeding on grass on top of a high cliff. Wishing to get the goat to climb down from the rock and into his grasp he called out to her

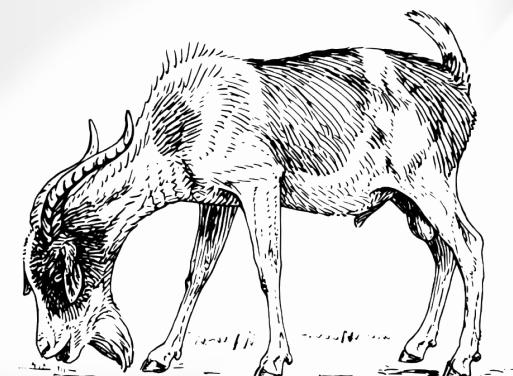
"Excuse me" he said in a friendly voice. "It is very dangerous for you to be at such a height. Do come down before you injure yourself. Besides the grass is much greener and

thicker down here. Take my advice and please come down from that high cliff."

But the goat knew too well of the wolf's intent

"You don't care if I injure myself or not. You don't care if I eat good grass or bad. What you care about is eating me."

The End





## The Donkey and his Master

A man was leading his donkey

down a road when the donkey got

free and ran to the edge of high

cliff The man ran as fast as he could

to the donkey and grabbed his tail to

stop the donkey from going off the

edge of the cliff But the donkey was

stubborn; the more the man tried to

stop him the more the donkey pulled

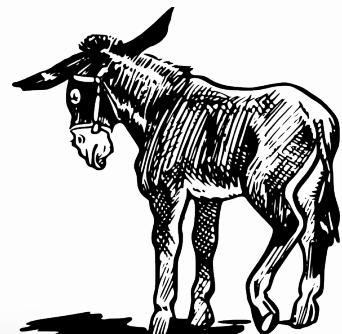
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"Oh well " said the man "if you

are determined to go your own way I

cannot stop you "

The End



Fill in the missing periods and quotation marks.

## The Fox and the Crow

A fox was walking through the forest when he saw a crow sitting on a tree branch with a fine piece of cheese in her beak. The fox wanted the cheese and decided he would be clever enough to outwit the bird.

"What a noble and gracious bird I see in the tree!" proclaimed the fox.  
"What exquisite beauty! What fair plumage! If her voice is as lovely as

her beauty, she would no doubt be the jewel of all birds."

The crow was so flattered by all this talk that she opened her beak and gave a cry to show the fox her voice.

"Caw! Caw!" she cried, as the cheese dropped to the ground for the fox to grab.

The End





## The Boys and the Frogs

Some boys were playing around a

pond when they spotted a group of

frogs hopping and swimming about

in the water. The boys began to

throw rocks at the frogs and even

competed against each other as to

who could hit the most frogs

Sometimes the rocks hit the

frogs so hard that they died

Finally one frog hopped upon a

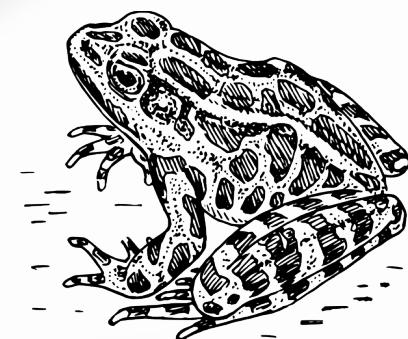
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Please stop, he pleaded, What

may seem just fun to you is

death to us

The End



# Rainy Day

Write each sentence using correct capitalization and punctuation.



it is raining hard

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i like to play in the rain

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should i wear my boots

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can we jump in the puddles

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the snails will come out

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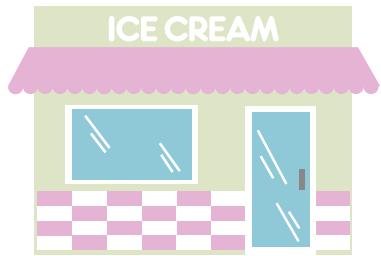
i see a pretty rainbow

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# Ice Cream Shop

Write each sentence using correct capitalization and punctuation.



do you want to go to the ice cream shop

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we can ride our bicycles

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what is your favorite flavor

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my favorite flavor is chocolate

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how many scoops do you want

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the ice cream is very tasty

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# Baking a Cake

Rewrite each statement correctly.



my mom and i are baking a cake

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the cake is for my brother's birthday

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chocolate cake is his favorite

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i mixed the cake batter

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my mom placed the cake in the oven

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i put vanilla frosting on the cake

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# Bicycle Ride



Write each sentence using correct capitalization and punctuation.

is it sunny outside today

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have you seen my new red bicycle

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i would like to ride my bicycle

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do you want to ride our bicycles together

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we can ride around the park

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i think it will be a lot of fun

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Read the story and fill in the proper punctuation.



## The Lost Kitten

One cold and rainy day Polly  
was walking home from school  
Suddenly she heard a loud and  
mournful cry Meow meow meow

She looked under a bush and  
saw a little wet orange kitten

Who do you belong to she  
asked She picked up the kitten  
and snuggled him under her coat

When she got home Polly

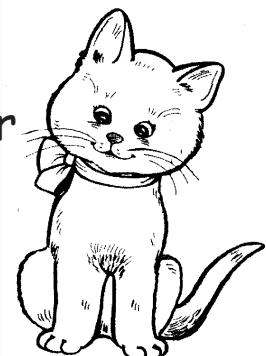
went straight to her mother May

I please keep him she asked

Yes said her mother But you  
must promise to take care of him  
and feed him every day

Polly poured some warm milk  
into a bowl and put a soft pillow  
in a basket for his bed  
I will name you Fletcher  
she said happily

The End





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# Bigfoot

Matt and his brother David were going on a camping trip in the Sierra Mountains

You set up the tent said Matt and I will gather the firewood

Later that night they woke to the sound of foot steps What is that asked David

The sound grew louder Do you think it is a bear asked Matt

I think it is Bigfoot yelled David They got their flashlights and went outside to investigate Everything was quiet and still

The next morning when they left the tent they suddenly froze In the mud surrounding their tent were the most gigantic foot prints they had ever seen

The End





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## Josie's Garden

Josie lived in a small house surrounded by a beautiful garden. Every day she watered and tended to her plants and trees.

One day she saw a caterpillar eating her lettuce. What kind of beautiful butterfly will you grow up to be she asked?

In the warm afternoon Josie watched a deer munching apples

under her apple tree.

Help yourself Josie said. You are what makes this place special.

Later that evening as she rested in the shade she spied a rabbit nibbling on some spinach.

She smiled at the rabbit. Just make sure to leave some for me she said.



The End



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## Earth Day

One day Jeffs teacher announced that it was Earth Day

Today is the day that we celebrate the world that we live in his teacher said Lets all do something to help the earth

The children decided they would clean up the trash around the creek that flowed by their school I've got the trash bags

said Jeff Lets go

The children picked up cans bottles and old candy wrappers and put them in the trash bags

When they were done they sat on the rocks around the creek listening to the birds and the bubbling creek

Isnt it beautiful asked Jeff proudly

The End





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## Baby Sister

Today was a special day

Today Joeys mother was coming home with his new baby sister

But Joey didnt want a baby sister He liked it the way it was

His mother came home carrying a small bundle Would you like to hold her she asked

Joey was nervous Carefully he took the warm little baby in his

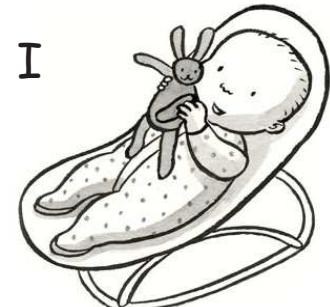
arms and looked down at her

Her fingers are so tiny he said She is so small and helpless

Annie is going to need a big brother said his mother She is going to need someone to be her friend and protect her

Im a big brother now Joey thought And I think I will be a good one

The End





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## The Pink Rabbit

There was once a family of rabbits that lived in a forest. All the baby rabbits were white except for one named Pinky. As you might guess, she was pink.

"I wish I was like all the other rabbits," said Pinky. "Why do I have to be different?"

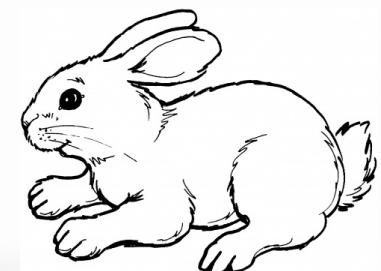
Then one day, a few weeks before Easter, the Easter Bunny

hopped through the forest searching for a helper.

"When the Easter Bunny saw Pinky, he exclaimed, 'You are perfect! You are just the rabbit I have been looking for!'"

Pinky became the Easter Bunny's helper, and from then on she was glad that she was different.

The End





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## The New Girl

One day at school Teacher Jones made an announcement Today we will have a new student she said Her name is Abby I would like you all to welcome her to Room 20

Abby had straight brown hair and blue eyes She looked down at her shoes and didn't smile I remembered when I was the

new girl and how I felt

Would you like to sit by me I asked patting my chair Abby smiled shyly and sat down This is Elizabeth and Tyler I told her pointing to the kids at our table

I smiled at her I knew that very soon she would no longer be the new girl

The End





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## Animal Friends

Once upon a time long ago  
there was a princess who lived in  
a castle high up on a mountain

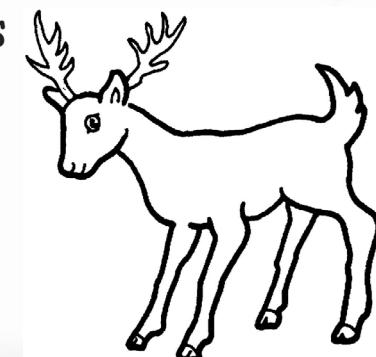
The castle was surrounded by  
forests lakes and rivers No one  
ever came to the castle

The princess was very lonely  
I wish I had a friend she said I  
wish I had someone to play with  
Every day she looked out her

castle window and watched the  
deer and rabbits and birds play  
They looked so happy One day  
she had an idea She called to  
them Will you play with me

Every day after that she  
went outside and played with her  
new animal friends  
and wasnt lonely  
any more

The End





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## Bumble Bee

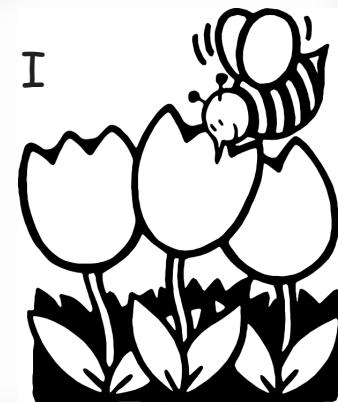
Every day after school Emily's mother made her a peanut butter and honey sandwich. She ate it in her garden while looking at the beautiful flowers.

One day a bumble bee buzzed around her head. Aaaah! she screamed. A bee! She ran into the house and yelled, Mother, a bee is in the garden!

Emily's mother went outside with her. We are so lucky to have bees in our garden, she said. Without bees we wouldn't have any flowers or vegetables. And no honey for your sandwich either.

Emily looked at the flowers and smiled. I guess I am not scared of bees after all.

The End





Great job!

