

# Mastering the Craft of Punctuation with Kit the Fox

*Learning objective: To use a range of punctuation, including inverted commas, possessive apostrophes, and commas for lists, to add clarity and depth to creative writing.*

Kit the Fox is building a mechanical puzzle, but he needs your help to organise his instructions. Use the word bank to help you construct sentences that are punctuated perfectly. Remember to check your work for capital letters and full stops before moving to the trickier punctuation marks.

Kit the fox carefully adjusted his copper goggles, squinting at the complex diagram scattered across his wooden desk.

*Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition · however · Kit's · mechanism · startlingly · simultaneously · previously*

**1. Describe Kit's workshop using a list of three or more items. Remember to include commas to separate the objects: The workshop was filled with... (2 marks)**

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**2. Write a sentence using a possessive apostrophe to show that an item belongs to Kit: For example, Kit's wrench was... (2 marks)**

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**3. Include a piece of dialogue where Kit explains his invention. You must use inverted commas correctly: Kit whispered, "... (3 marks)**

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**4. Explain why it is important to use a comma after an introductory adverbial phrase, such as 'Without hesitation, Kit pulled the lever.': (2 marks)**

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**5. Compare and contrast the effect of using an exclamation mark versus a full stop at the end of a sentence. Justify your answer with an example: (3 marks)**

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**6. What might happen to the story's tension if you removed all the punctuation? Explain the impact on the reader: (3 marks)**

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*Extension challenge: Imagine Kit's invention has a surprising side effect. Write a short paragraph of 5-8 lines describing the chaos that ensues. You must include at least one possessive apostrophe, one set of inverted commas, and one complex sentence using a fronted adverbial punctuated with a comma.*