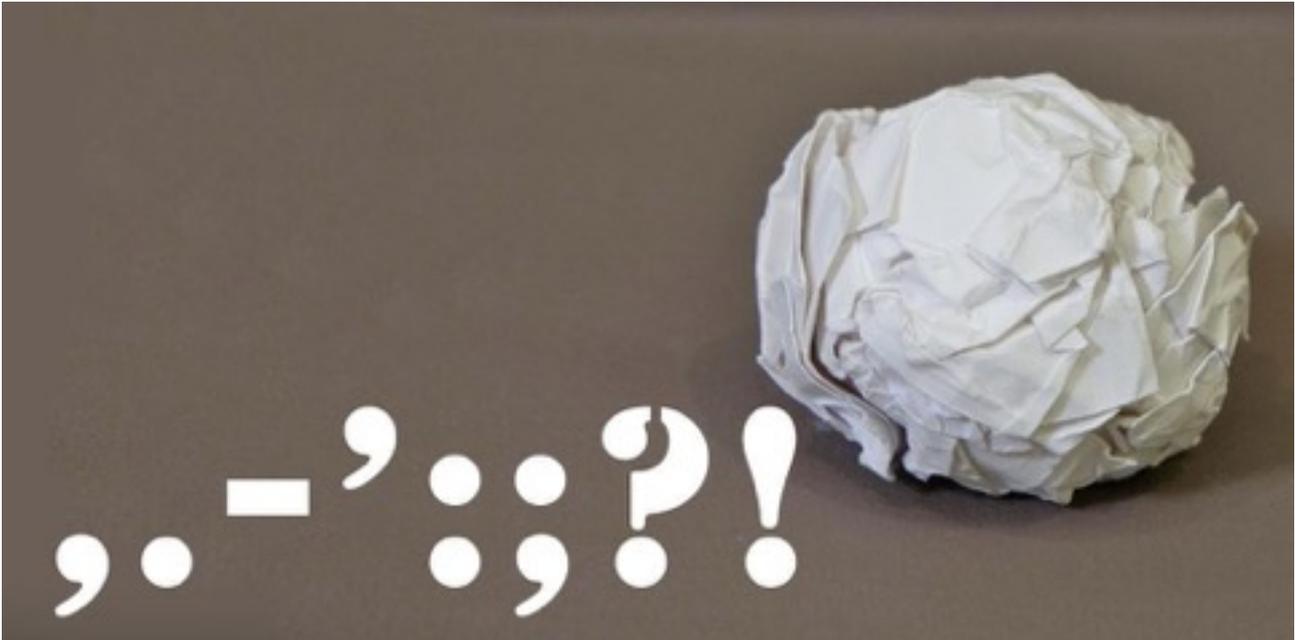


Punctuation lesson plan



National Curriculum: KS 2 English - Punctuation

On a visit to Manchester Art Gallery students came across a piece of paper crumpled into a ball. Why is it there? Is it a sculpture? What does it mean? Why did the artist make it?

A lesson plan for teachers to consolidate students' punctuation skills. Students will be able to use punctuation to help the reader better understand what has been written.

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Learning Objectives

Through using this lesson plan students should:

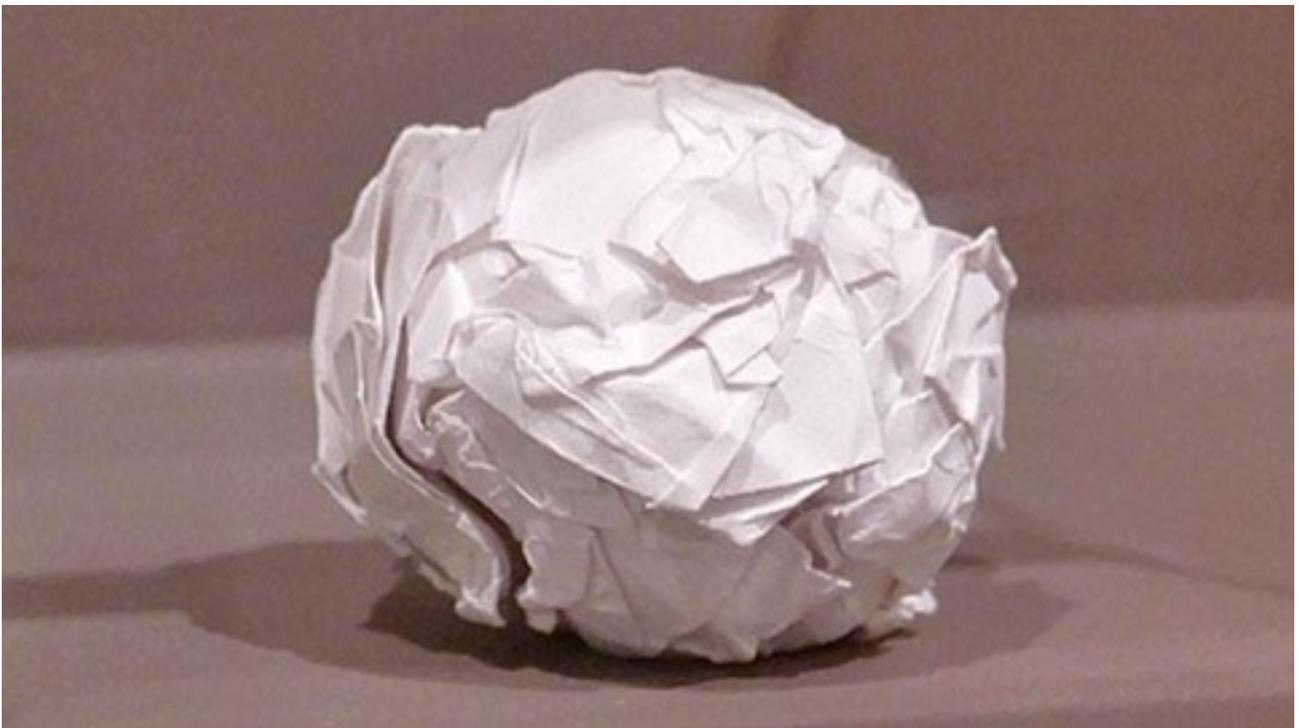
- Use a range punctuation marks to enhance and clarify the text
- Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
- Use organisational devices to structure the text
- Reflect independently and critically on their own writing and edit and improve it.

Overview

This lesson can be used to support students to:

- Propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning
- Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
- Structure text
- Develop writing skills including narratives, dialogue and action
- Develop research and discussion skills
- Support pupils to assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing

Suggested Classroom Activity



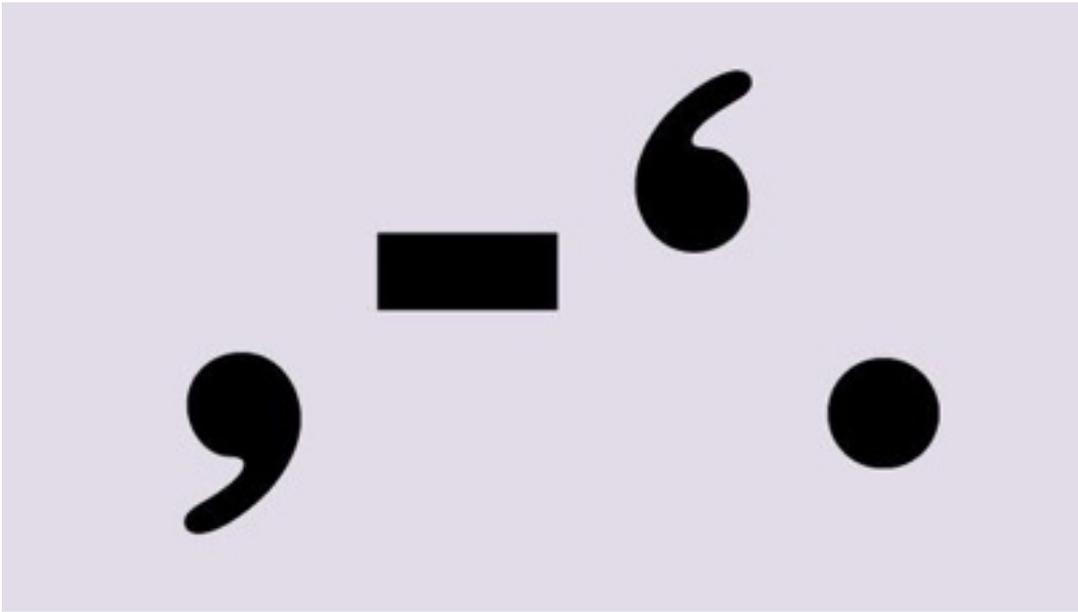
Show your students the short film about the crumpled piece of paper. Ask them:

Is it a sculpture?

Why did the artist crumple up a piece of paper?

What does the piece of paper mean to you?

Commas, Hyphens, Apostrophes, Full stops



Ask your pupils to write a short answer to each of the 3 questions above. In their writing they need to include:

Commas

Hyphens

Apostrophes

Full stops

Share their answers with the class. Can their answers be improved?

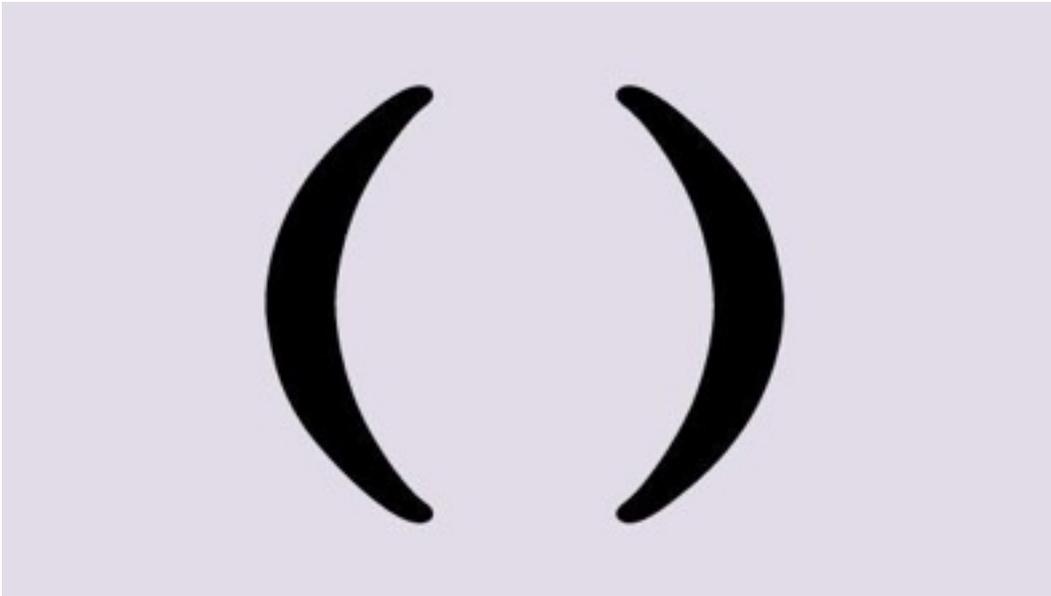
Semi-colons



Ask your pupils to insert a semi-colon in the correct place in the sentence below.

Nikita is going to make a sculpture out of paper she might also make one out of wood.

Brackets



Ask your pupils to insert brackets in the correct place in the sentence below.

Nikita said that conceptual art such as the crumpled up piece of paper is challenging.

Question Mark, Exclamation Mark



Ask your pupils if these sentences end with a question mark or with an exclamation mark.

The students thought the sculpture was absolutely fantastic

Did the students think the sculpture was fantastic

Did the students like the sculpture

The students really, really loved the sculpture

Speech Marks



Ask your students to insert speech marks in the sentence below.

The crumpled piece of paper is important as it can make you feel happy or sad Nikita told the students.

Capital letters



Ask your pupils to circle each word that should begin with a capital letter.

the students visited manchester art gallery and saw a sculpture made by an artist called martin creed.

Test Your Learning

Punctuation lesson plan exercise

Capitals	Bullet points	Possessive apostrophe	Speech marks
Spelling	Semi-colon	Commas	Contraction
Colon	Dash	Ellipsis	

In class today we watched a short film about an artist called martin creed. Martins sculpture is a sheet of paper crumpled up into a small ball. A lady called Nikita who works at the gallery was talking on the film. This sculpture is challenging said Nikita. It can make you feel
anger
sadness

Some of the students on the film asked Nikita questions about the sculpture they didn't know a lot about it. She said the sculpture is unique in the future there might not be any paper sculptures. Watch the film and see what you think

Development Activity

Elsewhere on CultureStreet there is a creative writing workshop delivered by Seven Stories the Centre for the Children's Book in Newcastle upon Tyne which includes a number of exercises to help make writing easier.

Imaginative writing workshop

<https://www.culturestreet.org.uk/workshop.php?id=29>

As well as the workshop there is a Creative Writing lesson relating to a mystery object that appears in Gateshead.

Creative Writing lesson plan

<https://www.culturestreet.org.uk/lesson.php?id=75>

You might want your group to progress onto this lesson plan also about writing for a different audience based on a shipwreck on Deal beach.

A Terrible Shipwreck

<https://www.culturestreet.org.uk/lesson.php?id=17>

We also have a lesson plan which mixes art and writing to create a poster-style painting

Words In Art

<https://www.culturestreet.org.uk/lesson.php?id=63>

