

11+ Proofreading Exercise 1

1. Identify the punctuation error in the sentence: "The children played outside all day, enjoying the sunshine and fresh air"
 - A. Missing full stop at the end
 - B. Missing comma after "day"
 - C. Missing exclamation mark after "air"
 - D. Missing comma after "played"
 - E. No punctuation error

2. Identify the punctuation error in the sentence: "Don't forget to bring your homework tomorrow, or you'll get in trouble."
 - A. Replace the full stop with an exclamation mark
 - B. Replace the comma with a semi-colon
 - C. Replace the full stop with a question mark
 - D. Add a comma after "forget"
 - E. No punctuation error

3. Identify the punctuation error in the sentence: "How many books did you read over the summer holidays last year."
 - A. Replace the full stop with a question mark
 - B. Add a comma after "books"
 - C. Add a colon after "holidays"
 - D. Replace "How" with "how"
 - E. No punctuation error

4. Identify the punctuation error in the sentence: "The concert was fantastic but the sound quality wasn't very good."
 - A. Add a comma after "concert"
 - B. Add a comma after "fantastic"
 - C. Replace the full stop with an exclamation mark
 - D. Add a comma after "fantastic"
 - E. No punctuation error

5. Identify the punctuation error in the sentence: "She bought apples oranges, and bananas, but forgot to buy grapes."
- A. Add a comma after "apples"
 - B. Add a colon after "bananas"
 - C. Add a comma after "grapes"
 - D. Replace the full stop with a comma
 - E. No punctuation error
6. Identify the punctuation error in the sentence: "We visited the museum on Saturday and then we went to the park."
- A. Replace the full stop with a comma
 - B. Add a comma after "Saturday"
 - C. Replace the full stop with an exclamation mark
 - D. Replace the comma after "museum" with a full stop
 - E. No punctuation error
7. Identify the punctuation error in the sentence: "My favourite subjects in school are English history and, science."
- A. Add a comma after "English"
 - B. Add a colon after "are"
 - C. Replace the comma after "and" with a semi-colon
 - D. Replace "and" with "or"
 - E. No punctuation error
8. Identify the punctuation error in the sentence: "He was nervous however; he still gave an excellent presentation in class."
- A. Replace the semi-colon with a comma
 - B. Add a comma after "nervous"
 - C. Replace the semi-colon with a full stop
 - D. Add an exclamation mark after "however"
 - E. No punctuation error
9. Identify the punctuation error in the sentence: "We have three choices for lunch today pizza, sandwiches, or salad."
- A. Add a comma after "today"
 - B. Replace the colon with a semi-colon
 - C. Add a colon after "today"
 - D. Add a full stop after "pizza"
 - E. No punctuation error

10. Identify the punctuation error in the sentence: "The team practised every day; they were determined to win the tournament"
- A. Replace the semi-colon with a full stop
 - B. Add a full stop at the end
 - C. Add a comma after "team"
 - D. Add an exclamation mark after "day"
 - E. No punctuation error

1. Answer: A. Missing full stop at the end
Explanation: The sentence is missing a full stop at the end to properly conclude it: "The children played outside all day, enjoying the sunshine and fresh air."

2. Answer: A. Replace the full stop with an exclamation mark
Explanation: The sentence expresses a strong emotion or command, so it should end with an exclamation mark: "Don't forget to bring your homework tomorrow, or you'll get in trouble!"

3. Answer: A. Replace the full stop with a question mark
Explanation: The sentence is a question and should end with a question mark instead of a full stop: "How many books did you read over the summer holidays last year?"

4. Answer: D. Add a comma after "fantastic"
Explanation: A comma is needed after "fantastic" to separate the two clauses in the sentence: "The concert was fantastic, but the sound quality wasn't very good."

5. Answer: A. Add a comma after "apples"
Explanation: A comma is missing after "apples" to correctly separate the items in the list: "She bought apples, oranges, and bananas, but forgot to buy grapes."

6. Answer: B. Add a comma after "Saturday"
Explanation: A comma is needed after "Saturday" to separate the clauses properly: "We visited the museum on Saturday, and then we went to the park."

7. Answer: A. Add a comma after "English"
Explanation: A comma is needed after "English" to correctly separate the items in the list: "My favourite subjects in school are English, history, and science."

8. Answer: A. Replace the semi-colon with a comma

Explanation: The semi-colon after "however" is incorrect; it should be a comma:
"He was nervous; however, he still gave an excellent presentation in class."

9. Answer: C. Add a colon after "today"

Explanation: A colon is needed after "today" to introduce the list of options: "We have three choices for lunch today: pizza, sandwiches, or salad."

10. Answer: B. Add a full stop at the end

Explanation: The sentence is missing a full stop at the end to properly conclude it: "The team practised every day; they were determined to win the tournament."