Year 5 English: Punctuate and capitalise sentences correctly (Hard)

English · Grammar and punctuation
Level: Hard

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- There are 10 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Write your answers on this paper. Use the space under a question to work it out.
- A grown-up can read a question aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

1. Which one is punctuated correctly?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** “We won!” cheered the team. ○ **B** “We won!” Cheered the team.

○ **C** “We won”! cheered the team.

2. Fix the capitals, commas and end mark (commas in the list only, none before and): 'on friday mia sold lemons scones and honey'

3. The players own the bags. Circle the word that is written correctly: 'The ___ wet bags are on the old bus.'

Circle one answer.

The _____ wet bags are on the old bus.

○ **A** players' ○ **B** player's ○ **C** players

4. Three boys own the bags. Fix the capitals, apostrophes, commas and end mark: 'where are the boys bags'

5. One boy, Max, owns the kite. Fix the sentence: 'Maxs kite flew high.'

6. Put a comma after the opening words: 'In the evening we lit a fire.'

7. Which address is written correctly?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** unit 3 48 banksia avenue, cairns qld 4870
- ○ **B** Unit 3, 48 Banksia avenue, Cairns Qld 4870
- ○ **C** Unit 3, 48 Banksia Avenue, Cairns QLD 4870

8. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** “Where is the ferry?” Asked Zara.
- ○ **B** “Where is the ferry,” asked Zara.
- ○ **C** “Where is the ferry?” asked Zara.

9. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** “Come inside” called Mum, “Before it rains.”
- ○ **B** “Come inside,” called Mum, “before it rains.”
- ○ **C** “Come inside,” called Mum. “before it rains.”

10. Write the correct word for the clue: “It is nine ___ in the morning.” (short for ‘of the clock’)

Answer key

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1. A — “We won!” cheered the team.
“We won!” cheered the team. The ! belongs to the spoken words.

2. On Friday Mia sold lemons, scones and honey.
On Friday Mia sold lemons, scones and honey. Capitals for names and I, commas in the list, and an end mark.

3. A — players'
The players' wet bags are on the old bus. An apostrophe shows who owns it.

4. Where are the boys' bags?
Where are the boys' bags? Check capitals, short forms, belonging and the end mark.

5. Max's kite flew high.
Max's kite flew high. The apostrophe shows who owns it, or that they share it.

6. In the evening, we lit a fire.
In the evening, we lit a fire. A comma goes after an opening phrase, and between things in a list.

7. C — Unit 3, 48 Banksia Avenue, Cairns QLD 4870
Every name and the state code need capitals: Banksia Avenue, Cairns, QLD.

8. C — “Where is the ferry?” asked Zara.
The spoken words are a question, so the mark inside the speech marks is a question mark. Asked stays small.

9. B — “Come inside,” called Mum, “before it rains.”
One sentence is split by called Mum. The second part continues it, so it starts with a small letter.

10. o’clock
It is nine o’clock in the morning. The apostrophe shows the missing letters.