

PUNCTUATION WORKSHEET #3

EXERCISE

Of the following groups of sentences, choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

1. A. “Time”, he replied, “is not the problem; money is”.
 B. “Time,” he replied, “Is not the problem; money is.”
 C. **“Time,” he replied, “is not the problem; money is.”**

2. A. Artie said “that he didn’t know whether there was time to make the first performance.”
 B. **Artie said that he didn’t know whether there was time to make the first performance.**
 C. Artie said that he didn’t know, whether there was time to make the first performance.

3. A. **In Winchester, England, a large statue of the early English king Alfred the Great stands near the cathedral.**
 B. In Winchester, England a large statue of the early English king Alfred the Great stands near the cathedral.
 C. In Winchester England a large statue of the early English king Alfred the Great stands near the cathedral.

4. A. **American authors with whom he is most familiar include Willa Cather, Henry James, Mark Twain, and Herman Melville.**
 B. American authors with whom he is most familiar include: Willa Cather, Henry James, Mark Twain, and Herman Melville.
 C. American authors, with whom he is most familiar, include Willa Cather, Henry James, Mark Twain, and Herman Melville.

5. A. I wanted a paisley print for the bedspread; but I could find one only in a hideous orange-and-purple combination.
 B. I wanted a paisley print for the bedspread but I could find one only in a hideous orange-and-purple combination.
 C. **I wanted a paisley print for the bedspread, but I could find one only in a hideous orange-and-purple combination.**

6. A. **Dan called to say that he was running late and that he would meet us at the city hall in one hour.**
 B. Dan called to say, that he was running late, and that he would meet us at the city hall in one hour.
 C. Dan called to say that he was running late, and that he would meet us at the city hall in one hour.

7. A. Hal’s breakfast was always the same; orange juice, muffins, cereal, and coffee.
 B. Hal’s breakfast was always the same orange juice, muffins, cereal, and coffee.

- C. **Hal's breakfast was always the same: orange juice, muffins, cereal, and coffee.**
8. A. My first piano teacher Miss Scarborough taught me the importance of daily practice.
B. My first piano teacher, Miss Scarborough taught me the importance of daily practice.
C. **My first piano teacher, Miss Scarborough, taught me the importance of daily practice.**
9. A. It is because of you Mary and Jason, that we must now wait until after supper to go to the movie.
B. It is because of you Mary and Jason that we must now wait until after supper to go to the movie.
C. **It is because of you, Mary and Jason, that we must now wait until after supper to go to the movie.**
10. A. Marcia opened the box; removed the tissue paper; and uncovered a gold brooch set with a glowing ruby.
B. Marcia opened the box removed the tissue paper, and uncovered a gold brooch set with a glowing ruby.
C. **Marcia opened the box, removed the tissue paper, and uncovered a gold brooch set with a glowing ruby.**
11. A. **You're going to make it to Chattanooga in time for the wedding, aren't you, George?**
B. You're going to make it to Chattanooga in time for the wedding aren't you, George?
C. You're going to make it to Chattanooga in time for the wedding aren't you George?
12. A. In Henry Mitchell had found a good friend and a wise counselor.
B. **In Henry, Mitchell had found a good friend and a wise counselor.**
C. In Henry, Mitchell had found a good friend, and a wise counselor.
13. A. My flashlight which I always keep in the glove compartment, had also been stolen by the thief.
B. **My flashlight, which I always keep in the glove compartment, had also been stolen by the thief.**
C. My flashlight, which I always keep in the glove compartment had also been stolen by the thief.
14. A. The temperature outside was five below zero; yet inside the house we kept warm and comfortable.
B. The temperature outside was five below zero yet inside the house we kept warm and comfortable.
C. **The temperature outside was five below zero, yet inside the house we kept warm and comfortable.**
15. A. Carey called out, "who will help me shovel the snow off the driveway?"

- B. Carey called out, "Who will help me shovel the snow off the driveway?"
C. **Carey called out, "Who will help me shovel the snow off the driveway?"**

EXERCISE

In the following sentences, choose the sentence of each group that uses underlining (italics) or quotation marks correctly.

16. A. **One of the best poems in A. A. Milne's book When We Were Very Young is the one called "The King's Breakfast."**
B. One of the best poems in A. A. Milne's book "When We were Very Young" is the one called "The King's Breakfast."
C. One of the best poems in A. A. Milne's book When We Were Very Young is the one called The King's Breakfast.
17. A. Nancy was annoyed to find that someone had already worked the Double-Croctic in this week's "Saturday Review."
B. **Nancy was annoyed to find that someone had already worked the Double-Croctic in this week's Saturday Review.**
C. Nancy was annoyed to find that someone had already worked the Double-Croctic in this week's Saturday Review.
18. A. My three children--Tammi, Kodi, and Doni-- always enjoyed reading that delightful book The Wind in the Willows.
B. **My three children--Tammi, Kodi, and Doni--always enjoyed reading that delightful book The Wind in the Willows.**
C. My three children--Tammi, Kodi, and Doni--always enjoyed reading that delightful book "The Wind in the Willows."
19. A. **Gerald Manley Hopkins' poem "The Caged Skylark" is one of his most appealing.**
B. Gerald Manley Hopkins' poem The Caged Skylark is one of his most appealing.
C. Gerald Manley Hopkins' poem The Caged Skylark is one of his most appealing.
20. A. I wonder who will play Maria in our local production of "The Sound of Music."
B. I wonder who will play Maria in our local production of The Sound of Music.
C. **I wonder who will play Maria in our local production of The Sound of Music.**

EXERCISE

Choose the correct form in the following sentences.

21. There's a great furor over the question of female reporters visiting (A. mens, B. mens', **C. men's**) locker rooms.
22. Fletcher and (**A. Mary's**, B. Marys, C. Marys') poodle has four new puppies.
23. (A. Is'nt, **B. Isn't**) it your turn to drive the carpool this week, Maybeth?
24. I want to know (A. whos, **B. who's**, C. whose) going to wash all these dishes.
35. A (**A. week's**, B. weeks, C. weeks') postponement has been announced for Founder's

Day Dinner registration.

36. Although I know that he has finished high school, the boy seems (A. semiilliterate, **B. semi-illiterate**).
37. It was one of those dark-of-the-moon nights, and I walked fearfully through the dense undergrowth, hoping to come upon a (A. well lighted, **B. well-lighted**) path before long.
38. Nothing would please me more than a (A. two week, **B. two-week**) vacation in the Virgin Islands.
39. My (**A. brother-in-law**, B. brother in law) loves scuba diving, but he points out that the sport can be dangerous for beginners.
40. Elaine says that she is really looking forward to her (**A. twenty-first**, B. twenty first) birthday.