

REVISION OF PUNCTUATION

Full stops

A quick reminder:

In our writing, when a sentence ends, we show it with a special mark called a '**full stop**'.



Here are some examples:

I lifted up the edge of the bark, and pulled it back.

Immediately, spiders ran everywhere.

I jumped up.

I was too scared to scream.

The spiders fell off the bark.

Some landed on me. I ran and ran.



From *Anachnophoebe*, Yucky stories

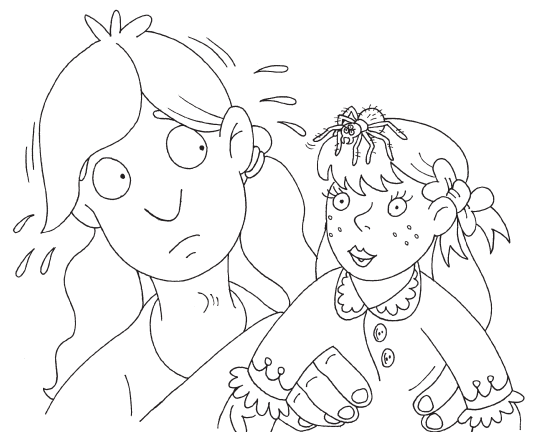
You can see that every sentence above ends with a **full stop**. But we don't *always* use a full stop to end a sentence.

If the sentence is written as a question, we put a **question mark** at the end.

For example: "What is it?" called Dad, running after me.

Another type of mark used at the end of a sentence is an **exclamation mark**. An 'exclamation' is a word, phrase or sentence that shows the author or character has strong emotions, like pain, surprise or anger.

For example: "A s-s-spider!" I yelled.



EXERCISE 1

Here is another passage from the story *Arachnophoebe* but the full stops (12 of them) have been removed. Can you put them back in?

Everyone watched as I peeled off the wrapping paper I opened it up Inside was a doll box It was a beautiful big doll, with lovely blue eyes, wearing a gorgeous pink lacy dress I picked it up and held it for everyone to see

And then I saw it On top of the doll's head was a spider Not a tiny one Not a Daddy Long Legs or a money spider It was a big, black, hairy, evil looking spider And it was watching me I dropped the doll and ran crying from the room

EXERCISE 2

Use full stops, question marks or exclamation marks to finish these sentences correctly.

- 1 There was a giant tortoise at the zoo
- 2 Wait for me
- 3 Have you ever seen a dragonfly
- 4 The whole class wanted to go to the park
- 5 "Come here now " yelled Dad angrily
- 6 I played chess with my best friend Sam
- 7 We all went to the playground
- 8 Did you see that new awesome movie
- 9 How we finished it, I'll never know
- 10 What a surprise