

Progression of Punctuation

Year	Finger Spaces	Capital letter	Full Stop	Question Mark	Exclamation Mark	Ellipsis	Apostrophe	Inverted Commas	Comma	Brackets Dashes Commas	Colon Dash Semi-Colon	Hyphen
Reception	Break strings of letters into individual words	A emerging										
Year 1	FS	A	.	?	!							
Year 2	FS	A	.	?	!	...	' For possession and contraction					
Year 3	FS	A	.	?	!	...	' For possession and contraction	""	, List			
Year 4	FS	A	.	?	!	...	' For possession and contraction	""	, Fronted Adverbials			
Year 5	FS	A	.	?	!	...	' For possession and contraction	""	, ()	- - - , - / Parenthesis		
Year 6	FS	A	.	?	!	...	' For possession and contraction	""	, ()	- - - , - / Parenthesis	: : -	-

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FS, A .	The cat sat on the mat.
!	What a cute cat you have!
?	Is that your cat?
...	There was a flicker of movement in the corner of his eye...
'	He should've put food in the cat's bowl.
" "	"You should've put food in the cat's bowl!" exclaimed mom, as she looked at his sad face.
, list	He had a cute, pink nose. I enjoy apples, oranges, pears and grapes.
, Fronted adverbials	As soon as he woke up, he fed the cat. In the kitchen, the bowl stood empty.
()	In the kitchen, the bowl (which was blue) was empty.
- -	The cat - that was only 6 months old - jumped onto the fence.
, ,	In the corner, next to the tree, the cat hid in the bushes.
;	His ears were white; his nose was black.
:	David was upset: he hadn't seen his cat all day...
-	There it was - his ball had rolled behind the sofa.
- Hyphen	She lapped up the ice-cold milk.