

Technical Accuracy

GCSE English · Follows the national curriculum

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1. Worked example

Correct: 'Its a long walk, I should of brought my coat.'

Step 1 · Fix 'Its'

It's (= it is).

Step 2 · Fix the comma splice

Two complete sentences: use a full stop or 'so'.

Step 3 · Fix 'should of'

should have

Answer: It's a long walk. I should have brought my coat.

Check: Apostrophe, splice and 'should have' all corrected.

2. Now try one with the steps

Place apostrophes: 'The teachers car park and the childrens playground.'

Step 1 · Teachers

Step 2 · Children

Step 3 · Result

Answer:

3. Practice

Show your working. The marks tell you how much is expected.

1. What is a comma splice? [1]

2. Give the two uses of an apostrophe. [2]

3. Correct: 'Your going to love it.' [1]

4. Correct: 'I could of won.' [1]
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5. Name the four sentence structures, from simplest to most complex. [2]
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6. Correct the apostrophe: 'Three dog's were barking.' [1]
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7. Fix the comma splice in two different ways: 'The bus was late, we missed the film.' [2]
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8. Correct: 'The team have lost there best player.' [1]
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9. When should you start a new paragraph? Give three reasons. [2]
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10. Correct: 'The effect of the new rules have been huge.' [1]
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11. Explain when to use 'affect' and when to use 'effect'. [2]
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12. Punctuate this dialogue: what time is it asked Leah its nearly midnight said her dad [3]
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13. Why should you keep a personal list of your common errors? [1]
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14. Roughly what proportion of the marks for a GCSE English Language writing task are for technical accuracy? [1]
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4. Before you hand it in

Writing 'should of', 'could of', 'would of'.

Always 'should have', 'could have', 'would have'.

Apostrophes in plurals: 'apple's for sale'.

Plurals need no apostrophe: 'apples for sale'.

Comma splices in long, excited sentences.

Read each sentence: could the parts before and after the comma stand alone? If so, use a full stop or conjunction.

Skipping the final check.

Protect five minutes at the end of every writing task to proofread.