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**Name** AP punctuation rules - quiz

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Question 1

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct headline:

**Answer**

- Did the mob kill J.F.K.?
- ✓ Did the mob kill JFK?

**Correct Feedback** No periods in the abbreviations for dead presidents.

**Incorrect Feedback** No periods in the abbreviations for dead presidents.

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Question 2

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct abbreviation:

**Answer**

- ✓ Ph.D.
- P.H.D.
- PhD.

**Correct Feedback** The correct abbreviation for a doctor of philosophy.

**Incorrect Feedback** The correct abbreviation for a doctor of philosophy.

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Question 3

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correctly punctuated sentence:

**Answer**

- "In the beginning", he said, "we were happy."
- ✓ "In the beginning," he said, "we were happy."

“In the beginning,” he said, “we were happy”.  
“In the beginning”, he said, “we were happy”.

**Correct Feedback** Commas and periods go inside quotes.  
**Incorrect Feedback** Commas and periods go inside quotes.

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Question 4

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct sentence:

**Answer** ✓ The Army base flew the flag at half-staff in honor of the soldiers who were killed.  
The Army base flew the flag at half-mast in honor of the soldiers who were killed.

**Correct Feedback** See the AP Stylebook for half-staff vs. half-mast.  
**Incorrect Feedback** See the AP Stylebook for half-staff vs. half-mast.

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Question 5

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer** The City Council voted on the proposal at midnight, it passed 4-3.

**Correct Feedback** Two independent clauses (complete sentences). Must be connected by a comma and a conjunction.

**Incorrect Feedback** Two independent clauses (complete sentences). Must be connected by a comma and a conjunction.

**Incorrect Feedback** Two independent clauses (complete sentences). Must be connected by a comma and a conjunction.

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Question 6

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer** ✓ Because of the flood, sewage overflowed into the river and contaminated drinking water downstream.

Because of the flood, sewage overflowed into the river, and contaminated drinking water downstream.

Because of the flood sewage overflowed into the river and contaminated drinking water downstream.

**Correct Feedback** Comma must follow an introductory phrase or clause (Because of ...). No commas in compound verbs (overflowed and contaminated).

**Incorrect Feedback** Comma must follow an introductory phrase or clause (Because of ...). No commas in compound verbs (overflowed and contaminated).

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Question 7

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer** During the Massive Resistance era in Virginia Democrats closed down the public schools to avoid racial interation

During the Massive Resistance era in Virginia, Democrats closed down the public

✓ During the Massive Resistance era in Virginia, Democrats closed down the public schools to avoid racial integration.

**Correct Feedback** A comma must follow an introductory phrase or clause (During ...). No comma should separate an infinitive at the end of the sentence.

**Incorrect Feedback** A comma must follow an introductory phrase or clause (During ...). No comma should separate an infinitive at the end of the sentence.

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Question 8

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer** ✓ She promised to give a tax rebate to every man, woman and child.  
She promised to give a tax rebate to every man, woman, and child.

**Correct Feedback** No serial commas in AP.

**Incorrect Feedback** No serial commas in AP.

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Question 9

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer** ✓ U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-III., is the U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-III., is the U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-III., is the

son of Rev. Jesse Jackson.

U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-IL., is the son of Rev. Jesse Jackson.

**Correct Feedback** No comma before "Jr." "Rev." needs "then." Use the "old school" abbreviations for states, not the postal codes.

**Incorrect Feedback** No comma before "Jr." "Rev." needs "then." Use the "old school" abbreviations for states, not the postal codes.


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Question 10

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer**  The all-star team includes Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees.  
The all-star team includes Derek Jeter, of the New York Yankees.

**Correct Feedback** No comma before such phrases as "of such-and-such city" or "of this-or-that organization."

**Incorrect Feedback** No comma before such phrases as "of such-and-such city" or "of this-or-that organization."

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Question 11

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer** She forgot just one

**Correct Feedback** See rules for colons.

**Incorrect Feedback** See rules for colons.

**Incorrect Feedback**

See rules for colons.

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Question 12

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer**

The children refused to go to bed, they wanted to stay up and see Santa Clause.

The children refused to go to bed: they wanted to stay up and see Santa Clause.

✓ The children refused to go to bed; they wanted to stay up and see Santa Clause.

**Correct Feedback**

Avoid comma splices. If a full sentence follows a colon, it must begin with a capital letter. A semicolon (here) can connect two independent clauses.

**Incorrect Feedback**

Avoid comma splices. If a full sentence follows a colon, it must begin with a capital letter. A semicolon (here) can connect two independent clauses.

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Question 13

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer**

She prefers to watch movies which make her cry.

**Correct Feedback**

"make her cry" is an essential clause. It needs "that" -- and "that" doesn't take a comma.

**Incorrect Feedback**

"make her cry" is an essential clause. It needs "that" -- and "that" doesn't take a comma.

**Incorrect Feedback** "make her cry" is an essential clause. It needs "that" -- and "that" doesn't take a comma.

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Question 14

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer** The car belonged to the man whom police said committed the murder.

✔ The car belonged to the man who police said committed the murder.

**Correct Feedback** Think/rephrase: Police said HE committed the murder. "who" can equal "he"; "whom" can't equal "he."

**Incorrect Feedback** Think/rephrase: Police said HE committed the murder. "who" can equal "he"; "whom" can't equal "he."

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Question 15

**Multiple Choice**

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**Question** Choose the correct punctuation:

**Answer** ✔ With sweat pouring down her face, the point-guard stepped up to the free-throw line.

With sweat pouring down her face the point-guard stepped up to the free-throw line.

**Correct Feedback** A comma must follow an introductory phrase or clause.

**Incorrect Feedback** A comma must follow an introductory phrase or clause.

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