

Answers - Apostrophes

1. The cat's collar has fallen off.
2. I'm afraid we won't be able to help you today.
3. As Jo opened the box, she knew she'd found her grandmother's missing note.
4. The men's boots were covered in thick, slimy mud.
5. I didn't see her take James' note.
6. You'll need to park opposite Dave and Emily's house.
7. My brother's friend can speak French but he can't speak Spanish.

Answers – using commas in clause

Task two – what is the issue in the sentences below?

- a) My perfect day would be not going to school and just staying at home and relaxing. NO COMMA
- b) When I am fully dressed and ready to conquer the day, I might go back to bed for a nap. Well, that is if I'm not going out somewhere with my friends.
- c) After my mum is done cooking, we eat our food.
- d) My perfect day would be to get breakfast, go to the bus, start listening to music and the bus is really quick.
- e) It was a fine sunny day. I woke up peacefully.

Semi-Colon and Colon Answers

Task One

- a. The teachers were in favour of extra homework; the pupils, however, were not.
- b. England played their last four matches abroad against the following: Argentina, USA, Russia and Italy.
- c. I nominate the following people for parts: Anne, Bill and Fred.
- d. The recipe needed bacon, smoked not unsmoked; risotto rice, which is also labelled as arborio rice; stock cubes, preferably chicken but vegetable will do and spinach to serve.
- e. It was intense and all his stomach could feel was one thing: butterflies.
- f. Dickens has written many classics: 'Great Expectations', 'Oliver Twist' and 'Nicholas Nickleby'.

Task Two

Can you rewrite and correct the punctuation in the following paragraph?

I am here before you today as a human being, not as a lecturer or authority figure. I need three things from you to be successful in this field of study: caring, trust and communication. As a great woman once said, 'we can only do this if we are a united front'. Therefore, I ask you to think, what can we do for one another? I can support your education; you can push yourself to your limits. Together, we can dream big; together, we can make it big. All it takes is the following: blood, sweat, tears and love of your subject. I want you to do your best. Can you meet the challenge?