

Prospero's Library

By Year 6, your child will be expected to understand and use the complete range of grammar and punctuation outlined in the National Curriculum. Your child will need to understand how to use different layout devices like heading, subheadings, colons, bullets and tables to structure text and make it easier to understand. This is particularly important for non-fiction writing. This is a punctuation exercise to practise using bullet points to make information clearer to read.

Punctuation Exercise

Bullet Points

Using Bullet Points

Bullet points can be used to

- Break up complicated information
- Make it easier to read
- Turn it into a list

Don't forget to add a colon before the list.

You can visit the BBC Bitesize website for a short video tutorial https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/z2vydxs

Punctuation Exercise

Prospero is trying to practise magic but is having trouble following this spell. Can you use colons and bullet points to re-write this spell as a clearer set of instructions.

This is a magic spell to bring thunder, lightning and rain together to make a Tempest. Ingredients, two burning pieces of wood, 500g crackling black pepper, a tambourine, three sprigs of sea holly, a crushed lightbulb.

This is how to make a Tempest and cause boats to be torn apart and shipwrecked. Warm a large pan over an open fire. Add a crushed lightbulb and 500g of crackling black pepper to the pan. Wait for it to start smoking. Stir in the sea holly. Break up the tambourine and throw the pieces in. Put on heatproof gloves and pick up the burning pieces of wood. Toss the wood into the pan. Wait for the flames to disappear. Sing 'Tempest, Tempest' three times. Throw the potion into the sea.