

Mark-Napped!

Okay, Sidekick, here's the situation: today at recess while all the punctuation was out playing in the yard, Comma went missing! I need your help to interrogate all the other marks that were out with him at the time to learn who erased comma!

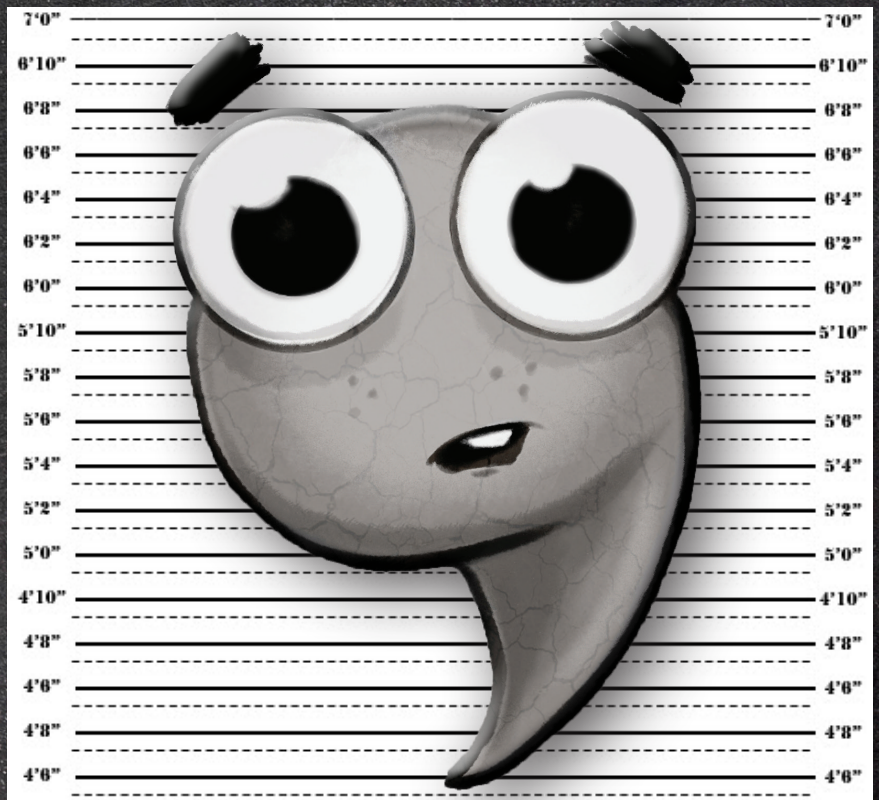
Are you up for the task?

The Suspects:

- Period
- Question Mark
- Ellipsis Points
- Apostrophe
- Hyphen
- Quotation Marks
- Colon
- Exclamation Point
- Semicolon
- En Dash
- Em Dash

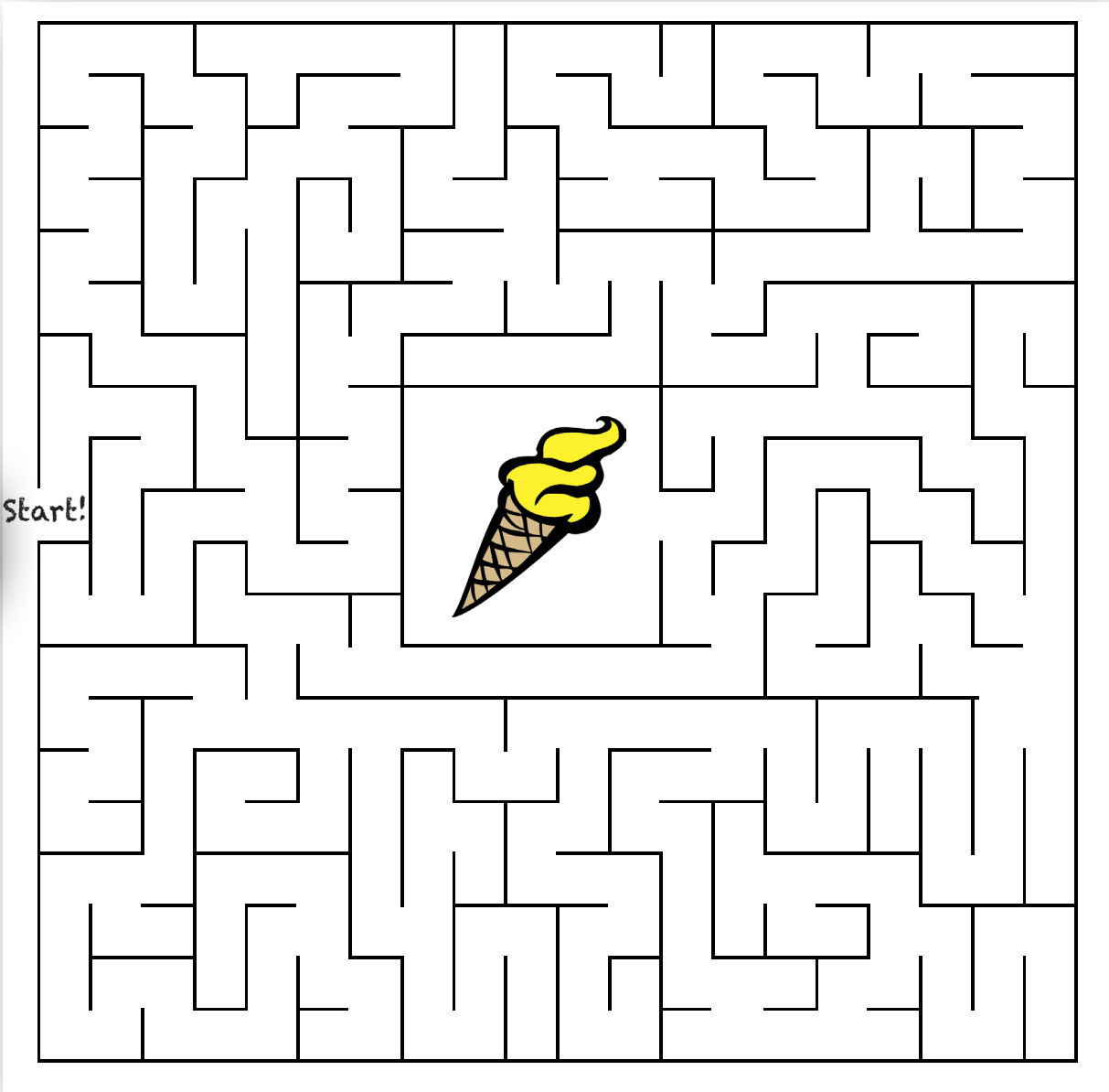


The Victim: Comma





The Maze



Start!



Help Comma find the ice cream before it melts.

Oh no! This story has no punctuation! Use the marks listed along the bottom of the page to make it clearer. Hint: all of the marks you will need are in the list.

Punctuate This!

Once upon a time there was a tunafish sandwich

A tunafish sandwich

Yes a tunafish sandwich The sandwich was sad because no one wanted to eat him for lunch

How can tuna be sad

That's not the point The point is that the sandwich was sad He was sad for the following reasons

1 he was smelly

2 he was a bit smooshed and

3 he was very very soggy

I will never get eaten he thought

Then something wonderful happened The sandwich was sitting there feeling bad for himself when along came a

dog And suddenly he was the most popular lunch item in the school

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Guess the Mark

Use the following clues to help you figure out the mark.

1) Sometimes I get so excited I could just EXLPODE. Am I:

- a period
- a hyphen
- an exclamation point

2) I really enjoy watching sports and am super good at showing ranges in baseball scores. Am I:

- a comma
- an em dash
- a colon

3) Why are you asking me all these questions? Am I:

- a question mark
- an ellipsis
- a period

4) Sure I like to tell secrets. But so does my brother. Are we:

- quotation marks
- parentheses
- ellipsis points

5) Sure some other marks can add words together, but I like to take letters away. Am I:

- a semicolon
- quotation marks
- an apostrophe

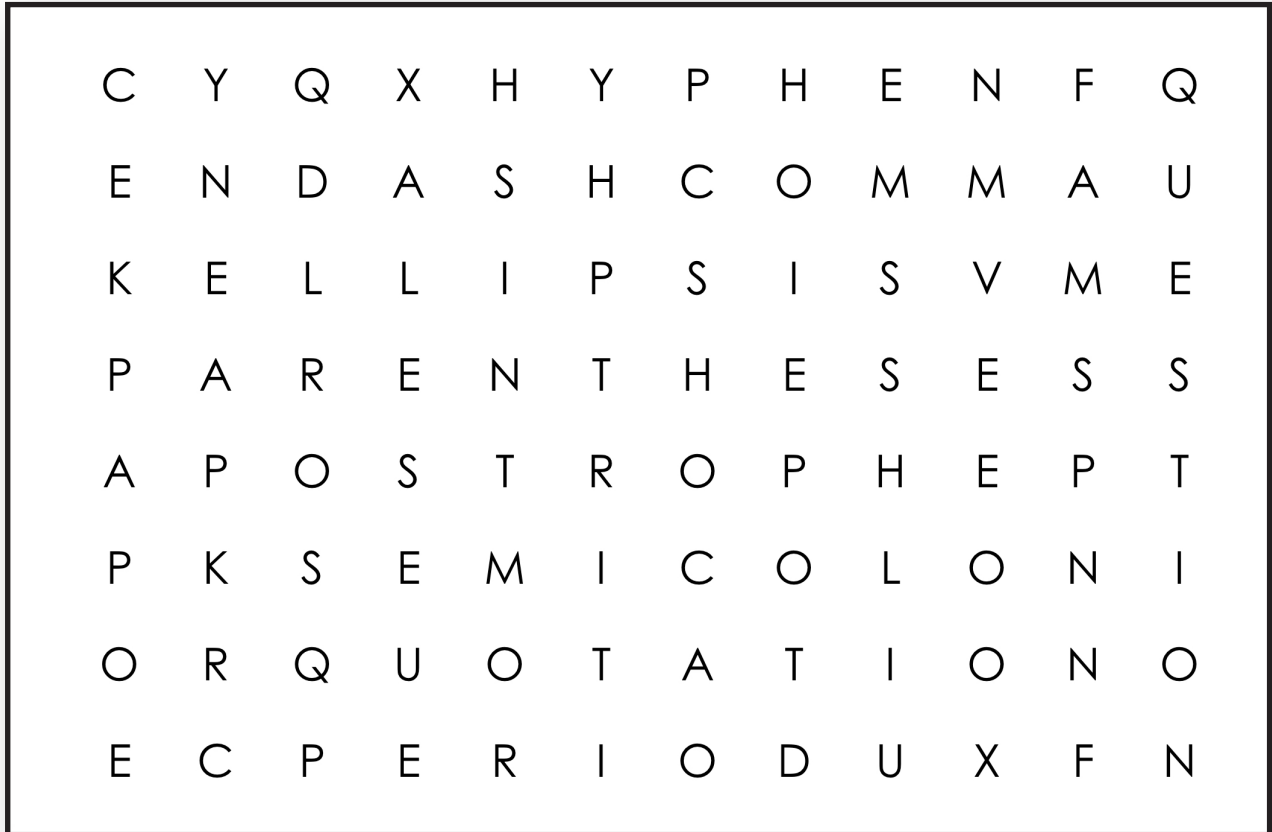
6) I may not be the only one who likes lists, but I'm the one able to sort out the elements in the most complicated ones. Am I:

- a colon
- a semicolon
- an em dash



Search Word

I think you may be right, Sidekick! Our perp may be hiding in this puzzle! Let's see if you can find the names of all our punctuation marks in this search word. HINT: the words go both sideways and down. Good luck!



Here are the words in the puzzle:

APOSTROPHE
COLON
COMMA
ELLIPSIS

ENDASH
HYPHEN
PARENTHESES
PERIOD

QUESTION
QUOTATION
SEMICOLON

BONUS: which of the marks from this book is NOT in this puzzle? (HINT: actually...there are two.)



Some Classroom Discussion Topics

- Look at the cover of this book. What do you think it's about? What group is its target audience?
- The author used the narrator to "break the fourth wall" and speak directly to the reader. Why do you think she did this? Did you like being talked to by the characters or not? Why?
- Can you think of any punctuation marks that weren't included in this book? What are they?
- If you were interrogating Comma, what would you ask him?

The Boring Stuff

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