USING BASIC PUNCTUATION

Using basic punctuation makes your writing much clearer and easier for the reader to understand. Look at the examples below.

**Use capital letters to begin sentences and full stops to mark the end:**

**T**he painting was beautiful**.**

**Question marks are needed for questions**

What is the capital of England?

Where is my pen?

It had all started 5 years ago...

**Exclamation marks are used to show strong emotions and feelings such as surprise, despair, anger, excitement, joy etc.**

How wonderful!

How dare you!

Oh no!

Can you improve your writing by including basic punctuation?

**Commas are used to indicate a short pause within a sentence or to separate items on a list.**

It was a cold day, so we put on our coats.

My favourite foods are pizza, chips, curry and ice-cream.