

Approach: Station  
 Focus: Punctuation  
 Resources: Punctuation card

Year: 8

### Questions / instructions:

Imagine your friend has asked you to check this piece of writing.

Help your friend by putting in the punctuation. The first one is done for you.

T  
 the two children laughed that was a  
 lot of fun said hone  
 do you think we should do it again  
 asked shilo  
 no way Im too hot said hone  
 lets go to davids house

**PUNCTUATION**

Full stop .

Question mark ?

Comma ,

Speech marks " "

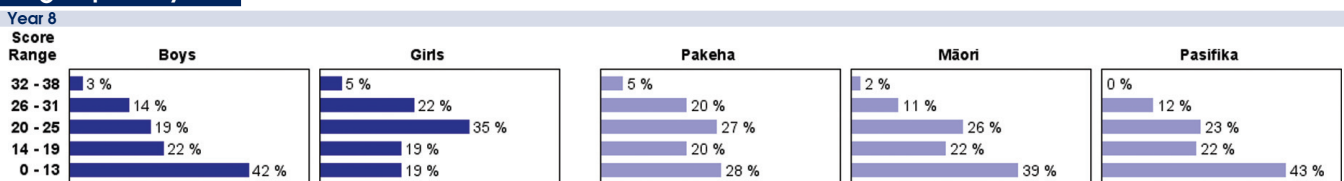
Exclamation mark !

Capital letter A

Apostrophe '

		% response 2006 ('02)	year 8
<b>Line 1:</b>			
- "laughed"	full stop immediately after	32 (25)	
- "that"	speech marks before	66 (66)	
	capital T	37 (29)	
<b>Line 2:</b>			
- immediately after "fun"	,	14 (22)	
	,	8 (5)	
	,	1 (3)	
	"	48 (43)	
- "hone"	capital H	72 (74)	
	full stop immediately after	78 (83)	
<b>Line 3:</b>			
- "do"	speech marks before	72 (71)	
	capital D	85 (90)	
- immediately after "again"	?"	34 (33)	
	?"	15 (19)	
	?"	11 (9)	
	"	22 (18)	
<b>Line 4:</b>			
- "shilo"	capital S	71 (71)	
	full stop immediately after	65 (61)	
<b>Line 5:</b>			
- "no way"	speech marks before	73 (76)	
	capital N	81 (77)	
	!	13 (12)	
	.	3 (0)	
	,	9 (15)	
- "Im"	apostrophe in-between I and m	32 (38)	
- "hot"	,	14 (14)	
	,	5 (7)	
	,	2 (4)	
	"	50 (46)	
- "hone"	capital H	66 (66)	
	full stop immediately after	49 (39)	
<b>Line 6:</b>			
- "lets"	speech marks before	52 (47)	
	capital L	51 (49)	
	apostrophe before s	9 (9)	
- "davids"	capital D	54 (61)	
	apostrophe before s	24 (22)	
- immediately after "house"	."	30 (26)	
	."	10 (9)	
	.	39 (39)	
	"	12 (13)	
<b>Total score:</b>			
	32-38	4 (3)	
	26-31	17 (18)	
	20-25	27 (24)	
	14-19	20 (30)	
	0-13	32 (25)	

### Subgroup Analyses:



### Commentary:

Many year 8 students did not handle the punctuation of spoken text correctly. Performance was similar in 2002 and 2006. Girls averaged higher than boys and Pakeha higher than Māori and Pasifika students.