

Answers: Practising punctuation

Based on the story *Vuyo and Unam*

Activity 1

Correct the following sentences by putting in the right punctuation with a colour pencil. Make sure that you include all the punctuation mentioned above. Underline the **adjectives** in the sentences.

1. **My** donkey sleeps in a small, clean stable.
2. **My** donkey loves to eat sweet, crisp apples.
3. **My** donkey gets clean, fresh water every day.

Now do the same with the sentences below, and this time also underline the **nouns** that are part of a list.

4. **My** donkey enjoys eating grass, hay, reeds and carrots.
5. **There** is a shelter, trees and water in the donkeys' paddock.
6. **Donkeys** have long ears, short manes and beautiful eyes.

Activity 2

A. Correct the paragraph below by adding the right punctuation in colour. Check your work by looking at paragraph 2 of the story.

Unam was a small, grey donkey. **He** was faithful as only donkeys can be. **He** was also strong and pulled the cart with which the whole family did their business. **This** included working the land, shopping, building a wall and taking produce to the market down in the valley. **They** used **Unam** and his cart for everything.

B. Correct the paragraph below by adding the right punctuation in colour and then check your work by looking at paragraph 4.

Vuyo felt excited as he set off under a crisp, blue sky with **Unam**. **The** cart was laden with maize, sorghum and vegetables. **It** was a smooth journey down to the valley and **Unam** seemed happy.

Teachers take note: *Crisp* in number 2 means hard and *crisp* in the paragraph above means clear.