

Practising punctuation

Based on the story *Vuyo and Unam*

Here are a few important points to remember about **using punctuation**.

1. Always start a sentence with a **capital letter** and end it with a **full stop**.
2. All proper nouns need a capital letter such as names of places and people, e.g. Vuyo, Unam, Eastern Cape, Drakensberg Mountains.
3. When you have a list of adjectives, separate them with a comma, e.g. '*Unam was a small, grey donkey.*'
4. When you have a list of nouns in a sentence where the second last word is 'and' do not use a comma before or after the 'and' e.g. '*The cart was laden with maize, sorghum and vegetables.*'

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.

Adjectives are describing words.

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.

Nouns are naming words.



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

