Writing Mat
Year 5

Punctuation Reminders:	
A	Capital letters for sentences, initials and proper nouns.
.	Full stops.
!	Exclamation marks for exclamations or surprise.
?	Question marks.
‘	Apostrophes for possession and missing letters and to mark missing letters in contracted words, e.g. didn’t.
,	Commas in lists , and to mark parenthesis, fronted adverbials and clauses.
“ “	Inverted commas for speech. (Don’t forget the commas too!)
-	Hyphen to connect words together.
-	Dashes to show longer pauses or parenthesis.

Have you...

- made your verbs and subjects agree? was/were did/done
- written in the correct tense and person?
- written in paragraphs?
- included all the features of the genre?

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Splendid Subordination!

Use these conjunctions to create super complex sentences:

if because as
before after until
unless since when

Can you use subordinate clauses in different places in your sentences?

After Superman arrived, the dangling bus was saved from the cliff top.

Expanded Noun Phrases: Get Descriptive!

a magnificent, sparkling necklace with priceless diamonds

the ferocious, snarling beast inside the cage

the breath-taking, scenic view beyond the valley

Can You Sneak in an Extra Clause?

Use ‘which’ or ‘who’ to add extra information! Be careful with your commas!

The Queen, who has reigned for 60 years, has four children.

Hedgehogs eat garden snails, which is important within the food chain.

Marvellous Modals!

Include modal verbs to show possibility:

can/ cannot could/ could not
should/ should not might/ might not
must / must not may/ may not
would/ would not will/ will not
ought/ ought not

Spellings... I need to know many of these:

accident(ally)	consider	grammar	natural	question
actual(ly)	continue	group	naughty	recent
address	decide	guard	notice	regular
although	describe	guide	occasion	reign
answer	different	heard	occasionally	remember
appear	difficult	heart	often	sentence
arrive	disappear	height	opposite	separate
believe	early	history	ordinary	special
bicycle	earth	imagine	particular	straight
breath	eight	increase	peculiar	strange
breathe	eighth	important	perhaps	strength
build	enough	interest	popular	suppose
business	exercise	island	position	surprise
busy	experience	knowledge	possess(ion)	therefore
calendar	experiment	learn	possible	though
caught	extreme	length	potatoes	thought
centre	famous	library	pressure	through
century	favourite	material	probably	various
certain	February	medicine	promise	weight
circle	forward(s)	mention	purpose	woman
complete	fruit	minute	quarter	women

Front it Out!

Use fronted adverbials with a comma to help to link sentences and paragraphs:

Time At that moment, On Saturday, Finally,

Place Over the bridge, Inside the chest, Beyond the clouds, **Frequency** Every few weeks, Never before, Occasionally, Often,

Manner/ Behaviour As quick as a flash, Breathing heavily, Waiting anxiously, Without warning, Totally overwhelmed,