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Punctuation

Level 2: ★★

1. Insert parentheses and explain why they are used:

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| a) He won first prize a gold medal. | d) My brother the youngest one is naughty. |
| b) I read the book published in 2001 last year. | e) The teacher our English teacher is kind. |
| c) The library built in 1950 is still in use. | f) She went to Paris the city of lights. |

2. Insert ellipses (...) where needed to show a pause or unfinished thought:

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| a) I was thinking maybe we should go. | d) I don't know it feels strange. |
| b) He started to speak but stopped. | e) The letter said but was incomplete. |
| c) Wait what did you mean? | f) She began and then fell silent. |

3. Add the punctuation in these sentences:

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| a) She said I am going home | d) I cant believe its already Friday |
| b) Its a beautiful day | e) He replied I will be back soon |
| c) The movie starts at 7:00 dont be late. | f) She said Where are you |

4. Find and correct the punctuation mistake:

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| a) She said "I am tired". | e) She asked, Where is my bag? |
| b) Its raining outside! | f) I need three things; milk, bread, and sugar. |
| c) "Let's go for a walk in the park." she said! | g) He paused—then continued... but stopped. |
| d) My brothers book is lost. | h) She is a well known singer. |

5. Match the sentence with the correct punctuation purpose:

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| a) She said, "I am ready." | i) Connects related sentences |
| b) The teacher's desk is clean. | ii) Shows pause/incompletion |
| c) He likes tea; she likes coffee. | iii) Direct speech |
| d) He was late: the bus broke down. | iv) Strong break/emphasis |
| e) She was happy—very happy. | v) Lists/introduces |
| f) She began... but fell silent. | vi) Shows possession |

6. Fill in the blanks with semicolon (;) or colon (:):

I have three favourite hobbies **(a)** reading, painting, and cycling. My best friends enjoy different activities **(b)** Rohan likes cricket **(c)** Meena likes chess **(d)** and Arjun enjoys football. We planned a picnic yesterday **(e)** the teacher said we could bring food, games, and books. The list was clear **(f)** sandwiches, juice, fruits, and chips. At the picnic, everyone had fun **(g)** Rohan played cricket **(h)** Meena drew sketches **(i)** Arjun told jokes. In the end, the teacher reminded us of one rule **(j)** take care of nature.

7. Insert the correct punctuation (quotation marks, apostrophes, semicolon, colon, dash, hyphen, parentheses, brackets, ellipses):

My father said **(a)** Don't waste time **(b)** It's precious. Then he added **(c)** You should remember one thing **(d)** hard work always pays off. He gave me examples **(e)** Edison invented the bulb **(f)** Einstein discovered relativity. Suddenly, he paused **(g)** I think you already know this **(h)** don't you. Then he smiled **(i)** his usual confident smile **(j)** and gave me a well **(k)** known book on a scientist.