

**Area of English:** Writing

**Skill:** Proofread for errors in spelling and punctuation

## YOU WILL NEED...

### Resources:

There are downloadable resources available to accompany this lesson.

### Equipment:

Resource cards, whistle, tables, notebooks/ recording sheets, pens or pencils.



### Instructions:

1. Print off the sentences before the session and place them on tables around the room. These tables are the police stations.
2. Children move around the room in different ways (marching, strolling, striding etc...) until they hear the whistle.
3. The whistle tells them that a crime against punctuation has been committed and they need to return to the station.
4. Children run to a station (this could be the nearest or they could be numbered, with each child already having been allocated a number).
5. At the station children look at the piece of writing left there. They need to read it and spot the punctuation errors. In their notebooks/recording sheet they can either be asked to re-write it or note down the errors.
6. Once they have solved this, they can return to their seat (moving around the room) until a new crime occurs.

### Teacher Tip:

You may want to use examples of the children's own work once they have got used to the activity.



The resources could be adapted to only focus on specific punctuation which has been causing a problem. The examples provided have a range of errors using all forms of KS1 punctuation.

