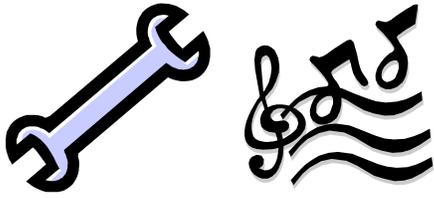


# Suggestions for Use:



"I can't believe I went out with an apostrophe  
- he was so possessive."

Notes:

**Commas** are used in a series, direct address, appositives, compound sentences, greetings, dates, closings, and coordinate adjectives.

**Series:** Michele baked a cake, cookies, and pie.

**Direct Address:** Michele, will you bake a cake?

**Appositives:** Michele, a pastry chef, baked a marvelous cake.

**Compound Sentences:** Michele baked a cake, and she frosted cupcakes.

**Greetings:** Dear Michele,

**Dates:** January 14, 1902

**Closing:** Sincerely,

**Coordinate Adjectives:** Michele baked a chocolate, peanut butter pie.

**Semicolons** are used when joining two closely related thoughts.

Ex: Michele baked a cake; it was delicious.

**Quotation marks** are used when writing dialogue, for certain titles, and when using direct text support.

**Dialogue:** "Will you bake me a cake?" asked Brandee. Michele replied, "I would love to!" "I hope," said Brandee, "that it will be chocolate."

Note: When writing dialogue, indent and begin a new paragraph each time the speaker changes.

**Titles:** "The Cremation of Sam McGee," "Teen People," "Jaws," "Harrison Bergeron"

**Direct support in text:** In the poem "Waterslide," it states, "The hot sun baked his skin."

**Apostrophes** are used to show possession and in contractions.

**Possession:** The cat's paws were covered in frosting (**one cat**).

The cats' paws were covered in frosting (**many cats**).

Its paws were covered in frosting.

Note: Its = possessive; It's = It is

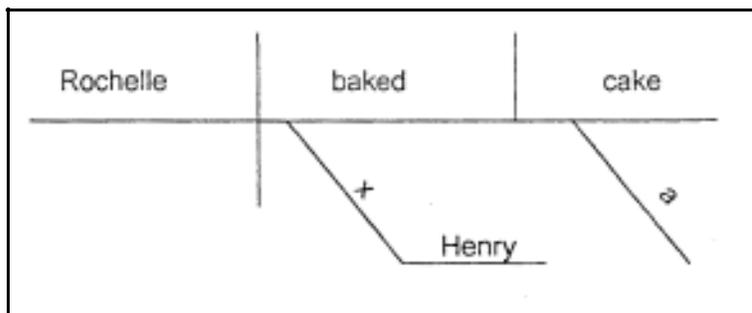
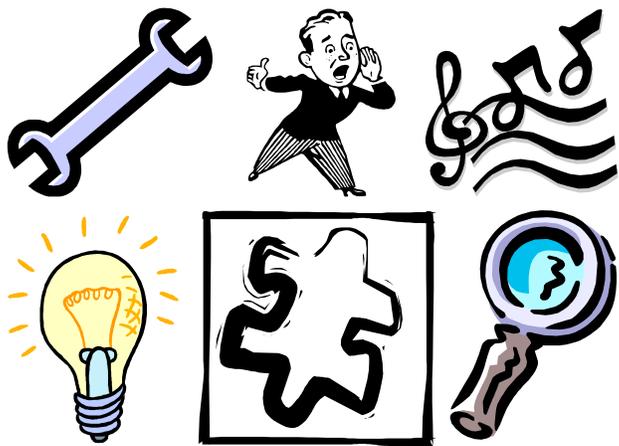
**Contractions**

Ex. Should have = Should've; cannot = can't

# PUNCTUATION

# Suggestions for Use:

Notes:



**Proper Nouns:** Idaho, Whitney, Starbucks, The Outsiders, Mom, Reverend Johnson

Note: Capitalize family members only when the title replaces the name (I hope Grandma is coming.)

**Languages:** English, Spanish, French

**School Subjects:**

Note: Capitalize languages and special titles (English, Introduction to Basket Weaving.)

Note: Subjects such as math, technology, and gym do not get capitalized.

**Directions:**

Note: Only capitalize directions when they rename a specific place (I am moving to the South.)

Note: Do not capitalize when writing travel directions (Travel east on Mapleton.)

**Historical Events:** Holocaust, World War II, Neolithic Era

**Nationalities:** Polish, German, American

**Religions:** Buddhism, Catholicism, Judaism

# CAPITALIZATION