SPaG **Punctuation Prompts**

Roll a die to select a punctuation mark, then follow the instructions to write a sentence using that piece of punctuation.

1	**Speech Marks “ ”** Use speech marks to show words that are spoken out loud. Remember, all punctuation goes inside the speech marks!	**Example:** “Come here!” the man shouted.
2	**Semicolon ;** Join two sentences that are linked in content. Remember, you can use them instead of ‘but’, ‘and’ or ‘because’.	**Example:** I went home; it was late.
3	**Comma ,** Use a comma after an adverb opener in a sentence.	**Example:** Slowly, the caretaker locked the doors.
4	**Brackets ( )** Use brackets to show extra information.	**Example:** Joanne (the school prefect) went to the front of the hall.
5	**Ellipsis ...** Use ellipsis to show a pause, an interruption or uncertainty.	**Example:** There may be happy endings around the corner...
6	**Colon :** Use a colon to introduce items in a list. Use to link two clauses, where the second follows or explains the first.	**Example:** I had taken lots with me: sweets, drinks and some chocolate. I worked incredibly hard: I got some excellent GCSE results.