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What is this resource and how do I use it?

This booklet includes everything you need to help you practise the spelling, grammar and punctuation skills you will learn in year 6. Simply print it out and complete each activity as and when you want to. You will find the answers to each activity at the end of the booklet.

What skills does this practise?

Spelling

Grammar

Punctuation

Proofreading

Further Activity Ideas and Suggestions

For some more fun activities to practise your skills, check out our [Parents Hub](#). As well as practising your spelling, punctuation and grammar, it's important to practise your times tables too. Why not check out our [Beat the Clock Mixed Times Tables Game](#)?

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Spellings

In year 6 in England, your child will continue to learn the year 5 and 6 statutory spellings as set out by the national curriculum. There will be more focus placed on the accurate use of punctuation, such as apostrophes and the spellings of prefixes and suffixes.

Here are ten fun ideas to help keep spelling practice fun and fresh. Why not print these out, cut them up and choose a different one at random each time you do spelling practice?



[Click here to try this resource](#)

This resource includes a checklist of 360 words that your child can tackle one day at a time.



- Write your spelling words in different handwriting styles.

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- Write sentences that include your spelling words.

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- Write your spelling words with your finger in shaving foam.

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- Write a story using your spelling words.

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- Type your spelling words on a computer or tablet and use a fun typeface.

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- Cut out letters from a magazine or newspaper to make your spelling word.

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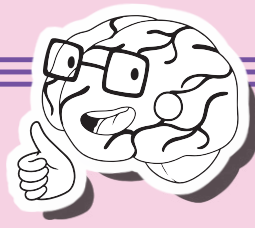
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3. What do you notice about **passive** sentences?

Brain Break #1



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You've been working hard! Why not have a quick brain break? Just 5 minutes doing a quick burst of exercise can help re-energise your brain. You can either roll a dice to decide which brain break dance exercise to do or you can have a go at whichever one you like.



Wiggle your hips.



Do a ballerina twirl.



Do the floss.



Do a slow motion dance.



Do a robot dance.



Make up your own dance.



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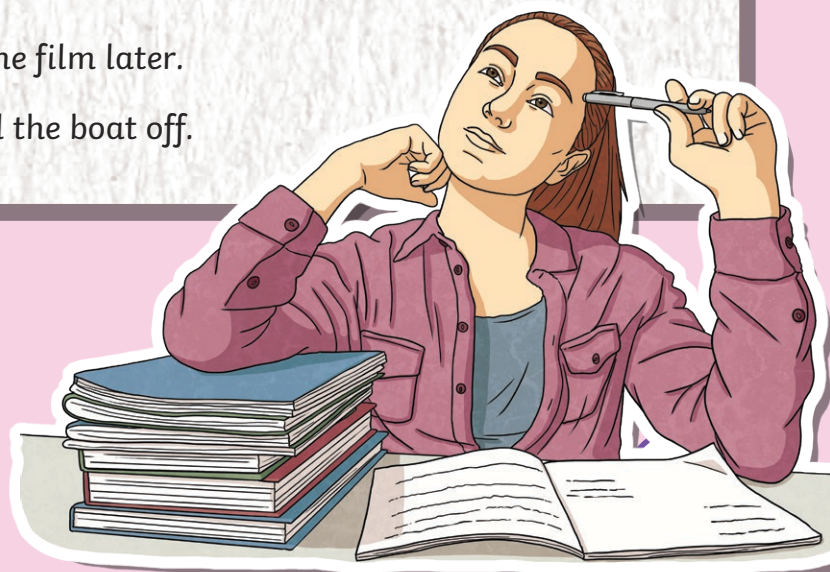
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Or we can use commas:

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2. Now try adding some extra information of your own and separate it with dashes, brackets or commas.

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We could use a conjunction to join these independent clauses:

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Don't forget to do your chores make your bed and put away your clothes in your room wash the dishes and dry them in the kitchen and put the rubbish out and feed the fish in the kitchen.

There are some brilliant characters in the book Bella, the little girl Francis, the giant Becky, the mum Horace, the librarian and Daisy the cow.



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2. Write out these lists in full sentences using colons and semi-colons.

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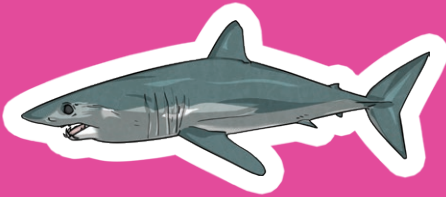
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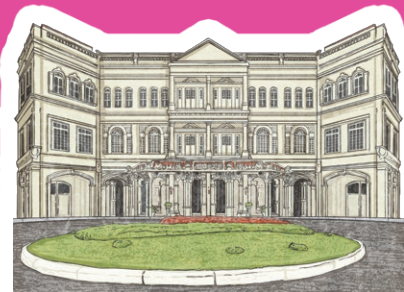
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2. Rewrite the passage without the mistakes.

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3. What do you notice about **passive** sentences?

Any appropriate answer, e.g. Passive sentences move the object to the start and often include the word 'by'.



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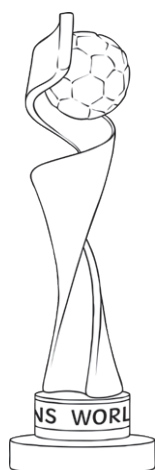
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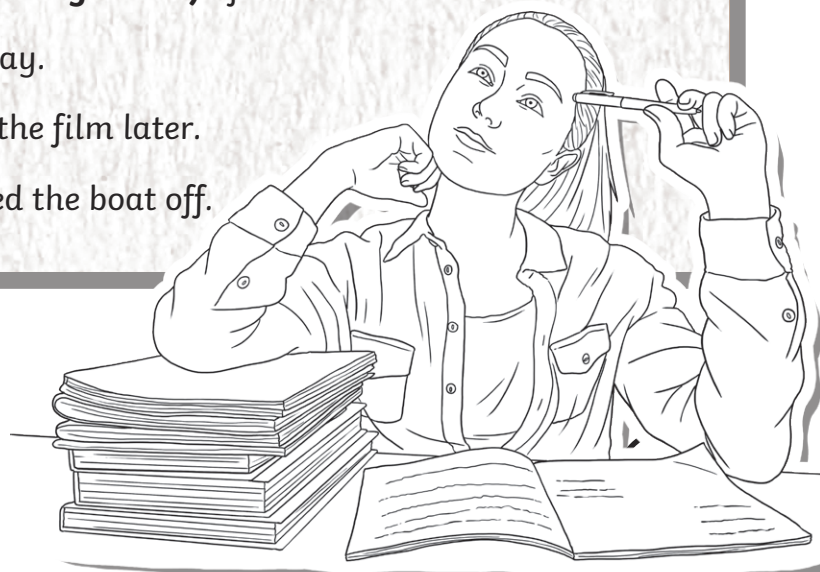
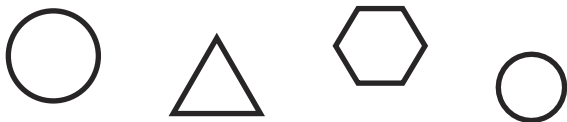
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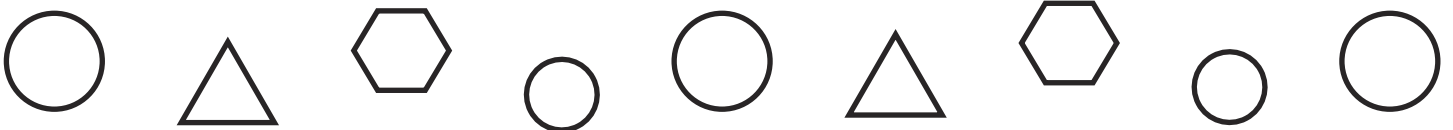
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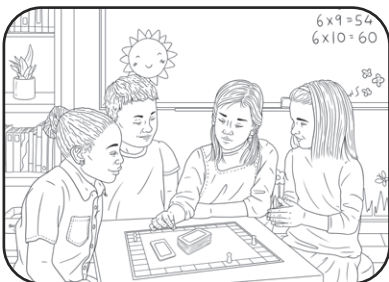
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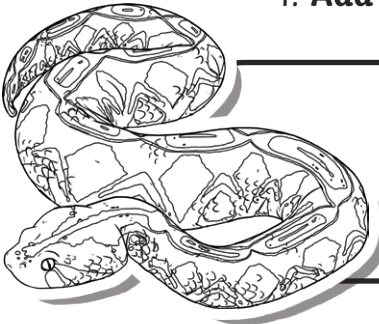
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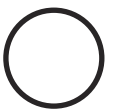
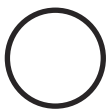
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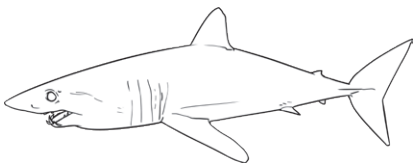
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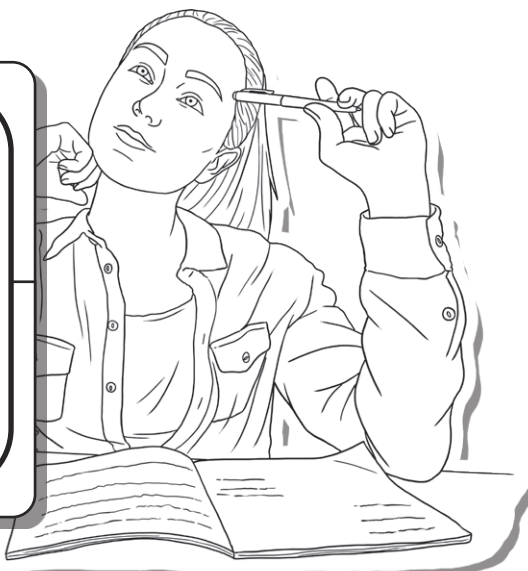
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1. Read through this text and **colour** all the errors in **red**.

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2. Rewrite the passage without the mistakes.

The captain ordered four burgers: one with cheese; one with onion; one with extra tomato; and one plain. "Eat up," he said to his crew. They were starving (they hadn't eaten since sunrise) and the burgers didn't last long. After they were finished, they started to get ready to set sail. "Hoist the sail!" the captain yelled.