

# SPAG Checklist

- Have I used an appropriate writing style without slang or informal language?
- Have I used specialist vocabulary correctly?
- Have I written in paragraphs?
- Do my sentences start with capital letters and end with full stops?
- Have I checked my work to make sure my meaning is clear and makes sense?
- Have I capitalised names and places?
- Are my quotations in inverted commas?

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# Punctuation

- **Apostrophe:** shows belonging eg: *John's book* or missing letters e.g: *can't* *couldn't*.
- **Colon:** can introduce things eg: *She bought: eggs, flour, milk and honey*
- Can be used between clauses where the second clause explains the first eg: *This time she'd walk: she was so tired.*
- **Semicolon:** joins two main clauses and often replaces **and** or **but** eg: *Plenty of children had signed up for the team; David wanted to be one of them.*
- Can be used to separate complicated lists eg: *He bought a basket of apples; a flask of tea; a bag of chips and soup.*

# Homophones

- there:** I would love to go there.
- their:** I borrowed their lawnmower.
- they're:** They're going to the shops.
- to:** I am going to go home.
- too:** Me too.
- two:** There are two of them.
- your:** Your house is big.
- you're:** You're welcome.
- new:** She has a new pen.
- knew:** He knew a lot for his age.

- right:** Turn right.
- write:** I will write that down.
- which:** Which one do you like?
- witch:** There was an evil witch.
- peace:** World peace.
- piece:** I had a huge piece of pie.
- rain:** The rain was heavy.
- reign:** His reign was a great one.
- where:** Where is it?
- wear:** I like to wear my gloves.

# Topic Words

- Acropolis**
- Agora**
- Ancient**
- Citizens**
- Classical**
- Democracy**
- Empire**
- Mythology**
- Oligarchy**
- Peninsular**

# Conjunctions

- because
- but
- although
- then
- however
- next
- since
- also
- therefore
- despite
- furthermore
- whereas
- on the other hand
- so
- as long as
- for example
- such as
- so far
- moreover
- alternatively
- in contrast
- nevertheless
- afterwards
- consequently
- as well as
- for example
- what is more
- as a result
- of this
- firstly
- secondly
- thirdly

# Commonly Misspelled

- across
- argument
- basically
- beginning
- business
- completely
- definitely
- disappear
- embarrass
- environment
- friend
- government
- independent
- knowledge
- necessary
- occurred
- occasion
- politician
- propaganda
- publicly
- really
- religious
- remember
- sense
- separate
- successful
- surprise
- tomorrow
- tongue
- truly
- unfortunately
- until
- wherever



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