



Punctuating Sentences

Read the extract below and count the punctuation that you can see.

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“Little Red!” shouted Mother, banging her rolling pin on the table. “Little Red! Time to get up.”

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2. How many capital letters did you find?

3. How many commas did you find?

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10

2. How many capital letters did you find?

18

3. How many commas did you find?

9

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personal pronoun (I); proper noun (name); beginning a sentence; title



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