

Underwater Adventure

Punctuation

Instructions:

Cut along the dotted lines of the mat pages and tape the mat together. Cut out the punctuation pieces along the dotted lines and place them faceup next to the mat. Read the story. You'll notice that it is missing some commas, apostrophes, and quotation marks. Place the punctuation pieces on the mat to show where these missing punctuation marks should go.

Helpful Hint:

A **comma** signals a pause.

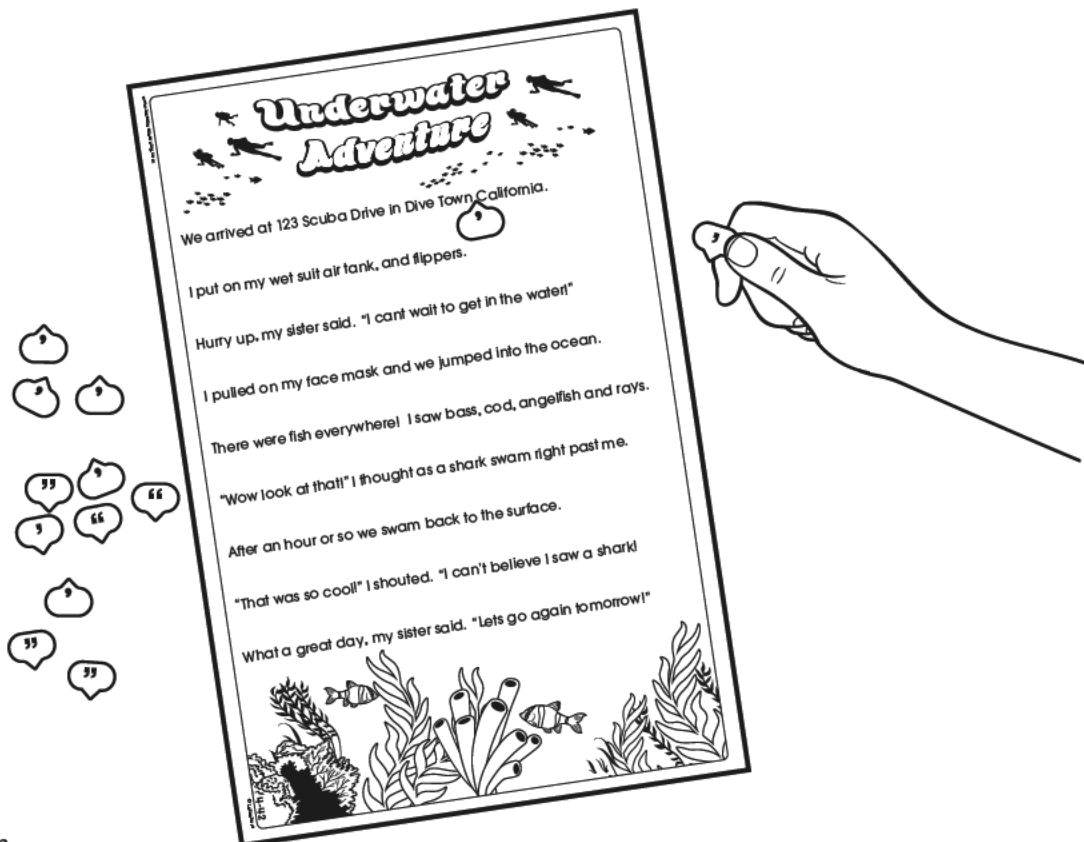
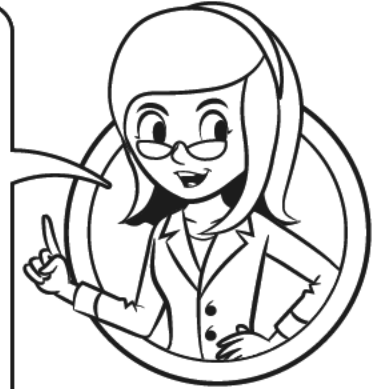
Some places where you'll see a comma:

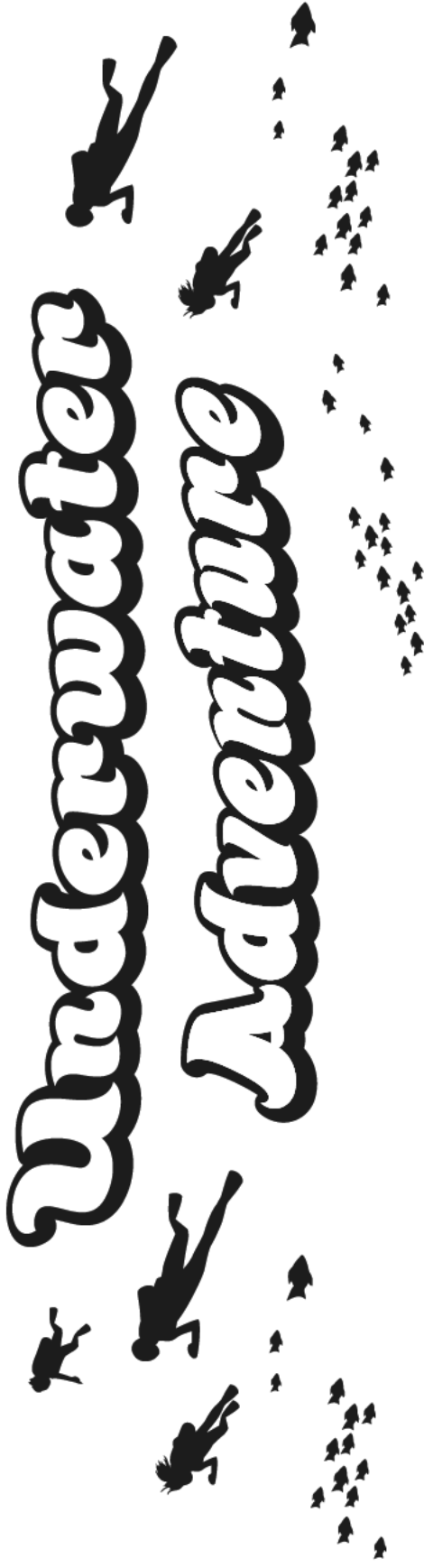
- in a list of items in a series: hat, coat, and gloves
- between the names of cities and states/countries: Chicago, Illinois
- in the middle of a compound sentence (a sentence made up of two complete sentences): I went to the movies, and Josie came with me.
- after an introductory prepositional phrase: Before I go to school, I brush my teeth.
- after an interjection (a word that expresses strong emotion): Whoa, that was close!

Use an **apostrophe** to:

- show possession: Carol's sneakers
- replace letters to form a contraction: can't, didn't, won't

Quotation marks show you that someone is talking: "Please pick me up after school," said Carl.





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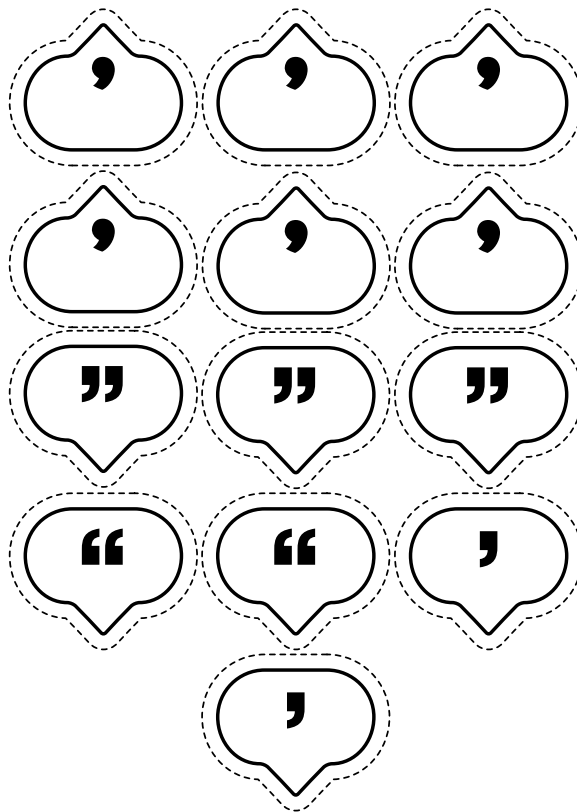
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