

Write AHEAD page 379

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to remind you how to use periods.

A period is used to end a _____. It is also used after _____, after _____, and as a _____.	
To end a sentence	Use a period to end a sentence that is a _____, a _____, or a _____.
After an initial	Use a period after an _____.
As a decimal	Use a period as a _____ and to separate dollars and _____.
After an abbreviation	Place a period after each part of an _____ - unless the _____ is an _____.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert periods where needed in the paragraph below:

A Raisin in the Sun begins is set in Chicago, Illinois sometime between the end of WWII and 1958 When the play opens, it is early in the morning, probably about 7 am, and Ruth is preparing breakfast for her family Her son, Travis, wants her to give him \$050 for school, but she refuses. Later, her husband, Walter, gives Travis \$100 Neither Ruth nor Walter is a member of the NAACP

Write AHEAD page 380

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to remind you how to use question marks.

A question mark signals the _____ of an _____ sentence. A _____ mark can also be used to show doubt about the correctness of a fact or figure.	
Direct Question	Use a question mark at the _____ of a _____ question.
Indirect Question	Do not use a _____ mark after an _____ question, when you tell about a question you or someone else asked.
Tag Question	Use a question mark when you add a _____ question, or a tag _____, to the end of a statement.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert question marks and/or periods where needed in the paragraph below:

Ruth is upset with Walter for giving their son money they can't afford to spend He asks her if she knew what he was thinking about as he got dressed that morning Walter then asks "You tired, ain't you You wouldn't do nothing to help, would you "Walter tells Ruth they need extra money to spend on opening the liquor store to spread around for politicians, and Ruth asks "You mean graft " Walter gets angry at her after that

Write AHEAD page 380

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to remind you how to use exclamation points.

An exclamation point is used after a _____, a _____ or an _____ sentence to express strong feeling.	
Examples	Great____ That is so cool____ What a tough job____
	Never write more than _____ exclamation _____ in school writing assignments or in _____.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert exclamation points, question marks and/or periods where needed in some of Beneatha's dialogue below:

- "What could be so dirty on that woman's rugs that she has to vacuum them every single day "
- "How did I manage to get on everybody's wrong side by just walking into a room"
- "Ruth, I'm twenty years old"
- "I just want to learn to play the guitar Is there anything wrong with that"
- "I don't flit I – I experiment with different forms of expression"

Write AHEAD page 381

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to remind you how to use commas.

Commas are used to indicate a _____ or _____ in _____ . They keep words and ideas from _____ together and make writing _____ to read.	
Items in a series	Use commas between _____ or _____ in a series.
To keep numbers clear	Use commas to separate _____ in large _____ in order to distinguish hundreds, _____, millions, and so on. Do not leave a _____ after commas in numerals.
In dates and addresses	Use commas to set off the different parts in _____ and _____. Do not use a comma to separate the state from the _____ code.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert commas, exclamation points, question marks and/or periods where needed in the paragraph below:

A Raisin in the Sun was first presented by Philip Rose and David J Cogan at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre New York City March 11 1959 The lead roles were played by Ruby Dee Glynn Turman Diana Sands Sidney Poitier and Claudia McNeil Since then over 100000 have seen the play the movie or read the script It appeals to people from all walks of life including professionals workers students and teachers

Write AHEAD page 382

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to remind you about more ways you should use commas.

Commas are used to indicate a pause or change in thought. They keep words and ideas from running together and make writing easier to read.	
To set off dialogue	Use a comma to set off the _____ words of the _____ from the rest of the sentence.
To set off interruptions	Use commas to set off a _____ or _____ that interrupts or emphasizes the _____ thought of a _____
Interrupting words	for _____ however _____ fact moreover as _____ all _____ as a _____ of _____

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert commas, exclamation points, question marks and/or periods where needed in the paragraph below:

Beneatha is nervous about her friend Asagai meeting her mother She tells her mother “don’t ask him a whole lot of ignorant questions about Africans “ She is worried for example that her mother may insult his religion or call him a heathen Mama however is quite polite to Asagai

Write AHEAD page 383

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to remind you about more ways you should use commas.

Commas are used to indicate a pause or change in thought. They keep words and ideas from running together and make writing easier to read.	
To set off interjections	Use a comma to separate an _____ or a weak _____ from the rest of the sentence.
In direct address	Use commas to separate a _____ of _____ address from the rest of the sentence. A noun of direct address names the _____ being spoken to.
To set off titles or initials	Use commas to set off _____ or _____ (and first names) that follow a person's last name.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert commas, exclamation points, question marks and/or periods where needed in the paragraph below:

Mama doesn't have a chance to give her opinion to Ruth before Walter interrupts. She may have said "Okay Ruth, What's going on? I know that Old Dr. Jones isn't the most exciting doctor, but he's a good one. Please answer me, Ruth, because I am worried about you. That new female doctor, Susan Smith, M.D., is bad news. I just hope you know what you're doing. I think you're making the wrong decision, no kidding, and I hope you change your mind. Your husband, Walter, loves you. Your son, Travis, loves you. Please, Ruth, make the right decision for our family."

Write AHEAD page 384

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to remind you about more ways you should use commas.

Commas are used to indicate a pause or change in thought. They keep words and ideas from running together and make writing easier to read.	
In compound sentences	Use a comma between two _____ clauses that are joined by _____ conjunctions such as _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____.
To separate introductory phrases and clauses	Use a comma to separate a clause or longer _____ that comes _____ the main part of the sentence.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert commas, exclamation points, question marks and/or periods where needed in the paragraph below:

When it was first produced in 1959 *A Raisin in the Sun* was awarded the New York Drama Critics Circle Award and it was hailed as a watershed in American drama Lorraine Hansberry's play was a radically new representation of black life one that was resolutely authentic fiercely unsentimental and unflinching in its vision of what happens to people whose dreams are constantly deferred

In her portrait of an embattled Chicago family Hansberry anticipated issues like generational clashes the civil rights movement and the women's rights movement She also posed essential questions about identity justice and moral responsibility

Write AHEAD page 385

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to remind you about more ways you should use commas.

Commas are used to indicate a pause or change in thought. They keep words and ideas from running together and make writing easier to read.	
To Separate Adjectives	Use commas to separate _____ or more _____ that modify a _____ in an equal way.
To set of explanatory phrases	Use commas to set off an _____ word or _____ from the rest of the _____.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert commas, exclamation points, question marks and/or periods where needed in the descriptive sentences below:

- George Murchison though he is very educated is shallow boring and foolish
- Beneatha is young beautiful intelligent and just a little bit stubborn
- Mama is caring wise and funny even though her children don't always understand her
- Mrs Johnson is nosy opinionated and racist
- Walter is discouraged depressed and drunk in this part of the story
- Ruth wanting to do the right thing for her family is considering having an abortion
- Asagai is a proud noble educated African man

Write AHEAD page 386

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to remind you about more ways you should use commas.

Commas are used to indicate a pause or change in thought. They keep words and ideas from running together and make writing easier to read.	
To set off appositive phrases	Use commas to set off an _____ from the rest of the sentence. An _____ is a word or phrase that identifies or _____ the noun or pronoun before it.
To separate nonrestrictive phrases and clauses	Use commas to set off _____ phrases and _____ (those that are _____ necessary to the basic meaning of the sentence).

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert commas, exclamation points, question marks and/or periods where needed in some of Walter's dialogue below:

You wouldn't understand yet son but your daddy's gonna make a business transaction that's going to change your lives One day when you're about seventeen I'll come home and I'll be pretty tired you know what I mean after a day of conferences and secretaries getting things wrong the way they do and I'll pull the car up on the driveway I'll come up the steps to the house and the gardener Jefferson will say "Good evening Mr Younger " and I'll say "Hello Jefferson how are you this evening " I'll go inside and Ruth will come downstairs and we'll kiss each other We'll go up to see you with the catalogues of all the great schools in America around you and I'll tell you to take your pick

Write AHEAD page 387

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to learn about ways you should use semicolons.

A semicolon is sometimes used in the same way that a _____ is used. However, a _____ usually means a _____ pause, closer to a _____ stop.	
To join two independent clauses	Use a semicolon to join two _____ clauses when there is no _____ word like <i>and</i> or _____.
With conjunctive adverbs	Use a semicolon when to _____ clauses are joined by a _____ adverb, and a comma comes _____ it.
To separate groups of words that contain commas	Use semicolons between groups of words in a _____ when one or more of the groups already contains _____.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert semicolons, commas, exclamation points, question marks and/or periods where needed below:

The people in our community are not rich and fancy people they're just hard-working honest people who don't really have much They've accomplished a lot including: building small beautiful loving homes for their families creating a fun tight-knit happy neighborhood raising smart educated well-behaved kids We want our community to stay the same we hope you understand that.

Write AHEAD page 388

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to learn about ways you should use colons.

A colon may be used to introduce a _____ or a _____. Colons are also used in _____ letters and between the _____ expressing time.	
To introduce a quotation	Use a _____ to introduce any _____ that follows a _____ sentence.
To introduce a list	Use a _____ to introduce a _____. When introducing a list, the colon often comes _____ summary words like the _____ or these _____.
In a business letter	Use a colon _____ the _____ or greeting in a business letter.
Between numbers in time	Use a colon between the _____ of a _____ that show _____.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert colons, semicolons, commas, exclamation points, question marks and/or periods in the note from Mr. Lindner below:

To the Younger Family

I hope you will reconsider my proposal for the following reasons: you are in danger you need money and we don't like you When he heard you turned it down my neighbor said the following "I'm going to hurt those Youngers " I will return to your home at 3 00 p m tomorrow to discuss this.

Sincerely

Mr Lindner

Write AHEAD page 392

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to learn about ways you should use quotation marks.

Quotation marks are used for each of the following reasons: • To set off the exact words of a _____ from the rest of the sentence • To show the exact words a writer has _____ from a book or magazine • To set off certain _____ • To note _____ used in a special way	
To set off the exact words of a speaker	Place quotation marks _____ and _____ a speaker's words in dialogue.
To set off quoted material	Place _____ marks before and after the _____ words you quote from magazines, _____, and other sources.
To punctuate titles	Use quotation marks to punctuate titles of _____, _____, short _____, lectures, _____ of radio and TV programs, book _____, electronic _____, and articles in encyclopedia, _____ or _____.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert quotation marks in the sentences below.

Bobo asked Could I please get a drink of water, before I tell you about it, Walter Lee?

Walter liked listening to a radio show called The Jazz of Chicago.

On page 129, the author wrote There is total silence.

Write AHEAD page 393

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to learn about ways you should use quotation marks.

Quotation marks are used for each of the following reasons: • To set off the exact words of a speaker from the rest of the sentence • To show the exact words a writer has quoted from a book or magazine • To set off certain titles • To note words used in a special way	
For long quotations	If a quotation in a report is _____ or more paragraphs long, place _____ marks before each paragraph and at the end of the _____ paragraph.
Placement of punctuation	When a _____ or _____ ends quoted material, place it _____ the quotation marks. Place an _____ point outside the quotation marks when it punctuates the _____.
Special words	Quotations marks may also be used to 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert quotation marks and other necessary punctuation in the sentences below.

Asagai asks Beneatha And you've stopped caring

Beneatha often uses the word independence when she's talking to Asagai

In an excited voice Beneatha yells AND YOU CANNOT ANSWER IT at Asagai

Write AHEAD page 394

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to learn about ways you should use apostrophes.

An apostrophe is used to form _____, to form _____, or to show _____.	
To form contractions	Use an apostrophe to show that one or more _____ have been _____ of a word to form a _____.
To form plurals	Use an apostrophe and _____ to form the plural of a _____ or _____.
To form singular possessives	To form the _____ of most _____ nouns, add an apostrophe and _____.

Directions: Using the above rules as guidelines, insert apostrophes in the sentences below.

At this point in the story, Walter has lost all of Mamas money. The family is devastated because they think theyve lost their house as well. Even though Beneatha has received all As in her classes, she wont be able to go to medical school. Theyre also worried that their apartment wont have room for Ruths baby. Walter has decided to call Mr. Lindner and take the Clybourne Park Community Associations money. Mamas very upset with Walters idea and says she wont support his decision. Walter refuses to talk about it, and says “Im telling you thats whats going to happen!” At the end of todays reading, the Youngers are a defeated and depressed family, and even Mamas anger isnt reaching her son.

Write AHEAD page 394

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the chart below to learn about ways you should use apostrophes.

An apostrophe is used to form contractions, to form plurals, or to show possession.	
To form plural possessives	To form the possessives of most _____ nouns ending in ____, add just an apostrophe. For plural ends not ending in _____, add an _____ and an _____.
In compound nouns	Form the _____ of a compound noun by placing the possessive _____ after the _____ word.
With indefinite pronouns	Form the possessive of an _____ pronoun by adding an apostrophe and an s.
To show shared possession	Add an _____ and s to the _____ noun when the possession is _____.

Directions: Using the rules you've learned as guidelines, insert the proper punctuation in the paragraph below.

A Raisin in the Sun is a play about the Younger family's quest for a better life. Mama Ruth Walter and Beneatha's home is too crowded and they want to move to a new house. However, Walter's selfish act almost prevents the move. Ruth wants her sister-in-law's dreams of becoming a doctor to come true, but she also wants her husband to feel successful. Mama wants both of her children's dreams to come true and doesn't know how to make it happen without sacrificing her personal dreams. In the end, the inherent nobility of their family wins and they have hope for a better future in Chicago's Clybourne Park.