

Year 4 Improve your Writing with Proof Reading – Guidance for Parents/Carers

Activity:

The aim of this activity is for children to practise proofreading a piece of writing to find and correct mistakes. They are given specific mistakes to identify in the text and are asked to mark them in different ways.

Vocabulary:

An **exclamation** is a type of sentence used when the writer wants to convey emotion or excitement. In the primary curriculum, exclamations begin with the words **how** or **what**, and end with an exclamation mark. For example: What a beautiful day!

A **proper noun** is a specific name for a person, place or thing. It is always capitalised.

A **complete sentence** begins with a capital letter, has a main clause (see definition) and finishes with a full stop, question or exclamation mark. A complete sentence expresses an idea or thought, always contains a verb and must include the correct punctuation. A complete sentence should always make sense on its own.

Other resources:

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Boxer dogs **are** an intermediate size breed of dog, originally bred to be guard dogs. **They are** now **working** dogs. **They** are **typically between one** foot and nine inches and two **feet** tall. **However they** are **one** inch taller at the shoulder. **They weigh between** sixty and seventy pounds as well as **living** to an age of between ten and twelve years.

Boxer dogs originated in Germany but after World War 1, they were introduced to the United States of America. Boxer dogs **are** square-headed and muscular. **They have** short and shiny coats which are fawn or brindle with flashy white markings. **Many** Boxers have docked tails and cropped ears.

Boxer dogs **have** a **playful** nature and boundless energy and **they** can be known as the “Peter Pan” of dog breeds. Boxer dogs are very loving so **they** often act as lapdogs and will lie as close to **their** owners as possible. Boxers **are** renowned for their **great** love, affection and loyalty to the families **they live** with.

Boxer dogs are high-spirited, happy and energetic. **They** often paw enthusiastically, cat-like, at their toys, food bowls and even at their owners. **When** they are excited, they often “kidney bean”, a little **dance** where they **twist** their body into a semi-circle, similar to the shape of a kidney bean and then turn in circles.

Boxer dogs also make a unique sound, called a “woo-hoo”, when they want something or are **excited**. **It** is not exactly a bark but rather **sounds** like they are saying “woo-hoo, put your attention on **looking** at me!”

But life isn't all fun and games for all Boxer dogs. **Because of** their strength, bravery and courage, Boxer dogs have a wide role and are used in the military and the police, as well as search-and-**rescue** work. **When** specifically **trained** for guard work, Boxer dogs **are** stupendous watchdogs and will **restrain** an intruder in the same manner as a Mastiff. Boxer dogs also excel in obedience, agility and schutzhund (a demanding three-phase competition event that tests the dog's tracking, obedience, and protection abilities).