

Punctuation Race

Objective

To correctly capitalize and punctuate a variety of words and sentences

Players

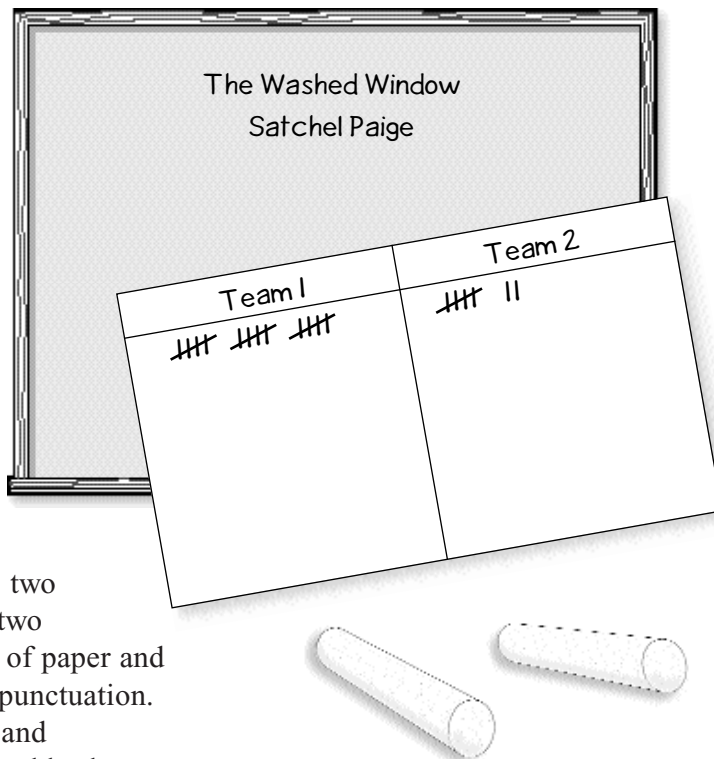
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Materials

Chalkboard and 2 pieces of chalk, 6 blank sentence strips for each player, simple scorecard as shown

Before you play

- Players choose one student to be the judge and scorekeeper.
- Each player writes two book titles, two proper names, two addresses, and two sentences, each on a separate strip of paper and all with correct capitalization and punctuation. To make certain the capitalization and punctuation are correct, players should ask the teacher to review the strips. Players then give their paper strips to the judge.



How to play

1. Players divide into two teams. Each team decides which player will go first, second, third, and so on.
2. The first two players from each team approach the chalkboard and stand ready with chalk.
3. The judge chooses a strip of paper and reads its contents aloud.
4. Each player writes what the judge read on the board as quickly as possible, being careful to use correct capitalization and punctuation.
5. The first player to finish writing the words on the strip correctly wins. The judge verifies the winner and keeps a

tally of who wins each race. If neither player is correct, there is no winner.

6. The second player from each team approaches the board and repeats steps 2 through 4. The game continues until each player has had at least once chance to play. Teams may choose to play more than one round.

Scoring

The first player to correctly capitalize and/or punctuate the words or sentences on a paper strip earns one point for his or her team. The team with more points at the end of the game wins.