Punctuation Packet Page # 1

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Punctuation Packet Page # 2

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1. What is the definition of a noun?
2. What is a subject?
3. What question can be asked to identify the subject?

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1. Wisconsin ranks second among states as a dairy producer.
2. Wilma was crowned the Dairy Queen of the local FFA Sweetheart pageant.
3. As a result of hard work, Wilma is the FFA star Greenhand and a proficiency award recipient.
4. I am late for work because I followed an International Harvester half-way here.
5. Billy strives to meet high personal standards, an admirable aspiration.
6. Soft white wheat is commonly used in cereals.
7. Garlic is known as the stinking rose and is produced in large amounts in Washington state.
8. George Washington, a national leader, was also a farmer and one of the first to breed mules in the United States.

Prepositions Punctuation Page # 3

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A preposition relates nouns to other words in a sentence, like showing time, direction, position, and comparison; and is all the things a worm can do to an apple, not including verbs. Like a worm can go “through” an apple.

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Punctuation Packet Page # 4

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1. The pony, the light horse, and the draft horse are three types of domestic horses.
2. They examined each apple carefully before they used it.
3. The orchard owners made apple cider and apple sauce.
4. The trees died when they caught the fungal disease.
5. Johnny Appleseed is a legendary apple grower.
6. Some contemporary art stirs controversy.
7. Many people find the art of wine-making interesting.
8. Vineyards around the world produce grapes for wine.
9. The olive is a staple in Italian cuisine; it can be used as a whole fruit or for oil.
10. Many ancient civilizations declined because of erosion.
11. Floods along river banks can be a good thing as they bring new top soils.
12. Home cooked meals are unique as the eater knows all of the ingredients.

Verbals and Punctuation Page# 6

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Why are we learning about verbals?

Write two examples each of a participle, infinitive and gerund.

Verbal Practice Page # 7

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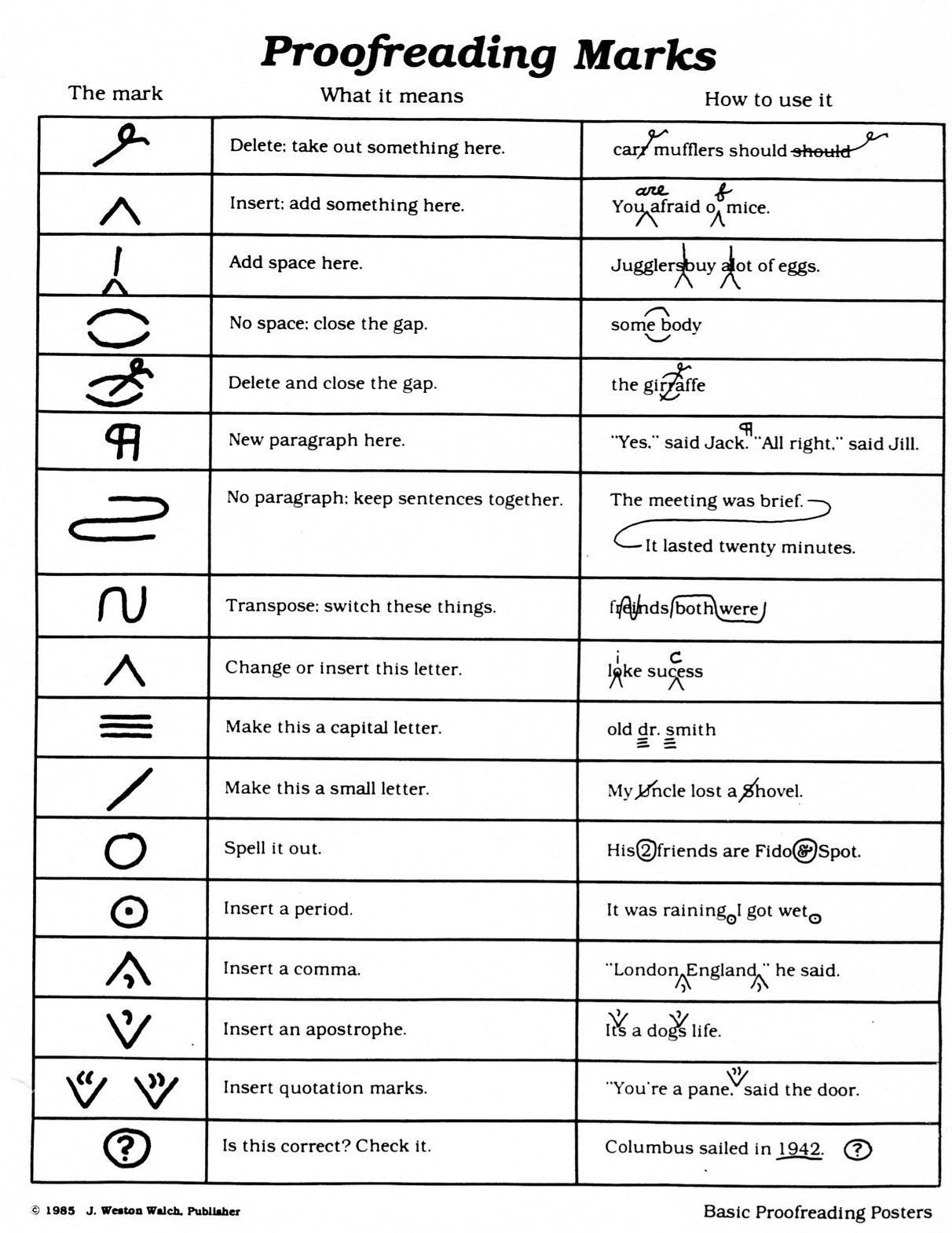
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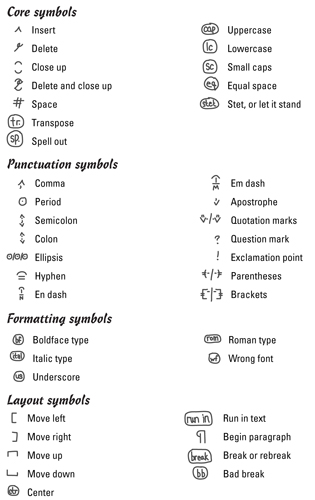
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Key and Explanations # 1

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Shows action or state of being.

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1. What is the definition of a noun?

A person, place or thing.

1. What is a subject?

The person, place or thing the sentence is about.

1. What question can be asked to identify the subject?

Who or what verb? – In the below example have the kids identify the verb. Then identify all nouns. Then have them ask the question who or what ranks? – The answer is Wisconsin ranks. Now the student can identify the subject.

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1. As a result of hard work, Wilma is the FFA star Greenhand and a proficiency award recipient.

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A worm can go in the apple. A worm can go around the apple. A worm can go beneath the apple. Etc.



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1. Describe the difference between an adverb and adjective.

Adverb describes how many, how much, and to what extent. Adverbs further explain a verb and other adverbs. Sometimes they end in “ly”.

Adjective describes a noun or pronoun. It answers the questions what kind. Like what kind of house? A red house. So red is the adjective.

Adjective adjective should be divided by a comma.

1. Give four examples of a conjunction.

And, but, or, nor When a sentence contains one subject and two verbs then there is no comma at the conjunction. When a sentence contains two subjects and two verbs then a comma is needed at the conjunction.

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Verbals and Punctuation Page# 6

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Participle Infinitive Gerund

Participles are phrases that have verb-like words in them.

Why are we learning about verbals?

Because verbals tell us how to punctuate! Participles are followed by a comma or set off by a comma, gerunds are never separated from the verb by a comma.

Write two examples each of a participle, infinitive and gerund.

Participles should be set off by a comma when at the beginning of a sentence.

* Running around the track, the dog entertained people by chasing butterflies.

Infinitives are the word “to” + a verb these do not need to be separated by a comma.

* To feel this good is to be so happy

Gerunds are much like infinitives they take the place of a noun but do NOT need to be separated by a comma.

* Walking in the rain makes me mad

Verbal Practice Page # 7

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