USING HIGHER LEVEL PUNCTUATION

Using a range of punctuation can help make your writing more exciting, by encouraging the reader to use specific intonation and expression. Look at the examples below.

**Use a dash for drama:**

The lion looked over at me – and then it roared loudly.

**Use ellipsis to make the reader wonder what will happen next:**

She wondered what was behind the door...

**Or use ellipsis to show a flashback in time:**

It had all started 5 years ago...

**Use brackets to add extra information:**

He had lost his bag (the red one).

Can you improve your work by including a range of punctuation?

**Use a colon to introduce a list.**

Fruit is healthy. For example: pears, oranges, grapes and apples.

**Or to explain the first part of a sentence (replacing because):**

The dragon was terrifying: flames shot out from its mouth**.**

**Use a semi colon to connect two closely linked sentences (replacing a full stop or connective) e.g:**

She loved the cat. It was like here best friend.

She loved the cat; it was like her best friend.