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How many full stops did you find? **13**

How many capital letters did you find? **26**

How many commas did you find? **7**

Did you find any other types of punctuation? Copy them here. – “ ” -

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Names of people and places; the start of a sentence; a title or subtitle.

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Rewrite the extract with the full stops, capital letters, commas and speech marks where they should be. Don't forget to add paragraph breaks, too!



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