

Punctuation

Commas

A comma is frequently used to mark a natural pause in a sentence—the place where a person would naturally take a breath when reading aloud.

When I saw the water seeping through the crack again, I picked up the paddle.

■ Inserting commas, capitals and full stops

Write out each of the following sentences from the story, inserting commas, capitals and full stops. Check your answers by referring to the sentences in the passage.

1 more than anything it was the blue dolphins that took me back home

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2 the night was very long longer than the night before

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3 there I lay for a long time hugging the sand in happiness

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4 they left as quickly as they had come going on into the west but for a long time I could see the last of the sun shining on them

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5 twice I dozed kneeling there in the canoe though I was more afraid than I had ever been

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6 then they swam on ahead of the canoe crossing back and forth in front of it diving in and out as if they were weaving a piece of cloth with their broad snouts

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6 marks