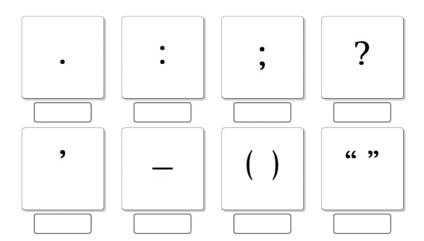
## Oxford Word Skills Intermediate Test – Unit 4

## A: Write the name of each punctuation mark.



## B: Fill in the spaces with the words below.

## joined instead separate interrupt abbreviations alternatives as pause

A full stop is used at the end of a sentence that is not a question or an exclamation, and is sometimes used in
. Each new sentence must begin with a capital letter.
A comma in writing is like a in speech. It is used:
- to parts of a sentence, e.g. After we left, someone tried to phone us.
- between adjectives, e.g. A big, expensive car.
- to separate words in a list, though it is often omitted before 'and', e.g. I went to France, Germany, Italy and
Spain.
- when words or phrases the normal progression of a sentence, e.g. <i>I decided, however,</i>
that I needed something to eat first.
A colon is often used to introduce further details such as an explanation or a list, e.g. The shop is full of
antiques: dining tables, chairs, wardrobes, mirrors, and so on.
A semicolon is sometimes used of a full stop when two sentences are very closely
connected, or to separate two main clauses, especially ones that aren't by a conjunction
such 'and' or 'but', e.g. <i>I went round this morning; nobody was there</i> .
A slash separates words or phrases that are