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Each sentence has a punctuation mark missing where there is a blank like this __. In the blank you need to put the correct punctuation mark.

- 1) There are three main types of rock ___ igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary.
- 2) A rock_s properties make it useful for different things.
- 3) Igneous rocks __ rocks made when lava cools down __ are found on volcanoes.
- 4) Chalk _ which is very soft for a rock _ is used for writing with.
- 5) When clay wet it is soft __ although when it dries it is hard.
- 6) Pumice is light compared to other rocks __ this helps it to float in water.
- 7) Granite shouldn __ t wear away easily, as it is one of the hardest types of rock.

Now you need to write your own sentence about rocks, emails or Romans using:

- 8) a comma to mark a clause
- 9) two commas to show the filling in a sandwich sentence
- 10) an apostrophe for a missing letter
- 11) an apostrophe for ownership
- 12) brackets for a definition
- 13) a semi-colon
- 14) a colon

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Answers

- 1) Many animals live in forests in temperate climates : foxes, deer, wolves, mice and owls.
- 2) Much of Europe 's climate is temperate.
- 3) Most trees in temperate areas are deciduous (they lose their leaves in winter when there is less sunshine) .
- 4) Camels , who actually store fat and not water in their humps , live in the desert. (could use brackets or commas)
- 5) Despite being closer to the equator , tropical and deserts have drastically different weather conditions.
- 6) Many human activities are thought to worsen global warming ; they produce a gas that causes it called carbon dioxide.
- 7) Without sunshine plants wouldn't survive, as they need it to make food for themselves through photosynthesis.