Let’s Practice Type in the correct punctuation for each line.

1. peggy said i have two cats do you have any pets

2. i have two dogs three fish and seven snails said joe

3. i have two cats said peggy do you have any pets

4. i’m not sure said sue if i know how to do this test

Answers:

Peggy said, “I have two cats. Do you have any pets?”

2. “I have two dogs, three fish and seven snails,” said Joe.

3. “I have two cats,” said Peggy. “Do you have any pets?”

4. “I’m not sure,” said Sue, “if I know how to do this test.

Dialogue within a paragraph-let’s practice. Add the correct punctuation within the paragraph. Then look back at the paragraph to answer the questions below.

I was walking through the mall one day when I met a group of my

friends. Hey, what are you doing here? I asked. I thought you guys

had to stay after school today. No, we got out of that detention, said

Mary. Mrs. Jones decided we really didn’t deserve it. Sue said, Are

you here to shop or browse? A little bit of both, I replied, because I

need to find a birthday card for my cousin, but I really want to

check out the sales. And the boys! everyone laughed

Questions/Answers

1. Q: How many different speakers are there?

 A:

2. Q: Who says, “Hey, what are you doing here?”

 A:

3. Q: Who says, “No, we got out of that detention”?

 A:

4. Q: Who says, “Mrs. Jones decided we really didn’t deserve it”?

 A:

5. Q: Who says, “And the boys!”?

 A:

Questions/Answers

1. Q: How many different speakers are there?

 A: Three – ‘I’ or the narrator, Mary, Sue and the three of them in unison

2. Q: Who says, “Hey, what are you doing here?”

 A: ‘I’ or the narrator

3. Q: Who says, “No, we got out of that detention”?

 A: Mary

4. Q: Who says, “Mrs. Jones decided we really didn’t deserve it”?

 A: Mary

5. Q: Who says, “And the boys!”?

 A: All three of the speakers in unison

3. Q: Who says, “No, we got out of that detention”?

 A: Mary

4. Q: Who says, “Mrs. Jones decided we really didn’t deserve it”?

 A: Mary

5. Q: Who says, “And the boys!”?

 A: All three of the speakers in unison

Now check your paragraph with the corrected version:

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my friends. “Hey, what are you doing here?” I asked. “I thought

you guys had to stay after school today.”

“No, we got out of that detention,” said Mary. “Mrs. Jones

decided we really didn’t deserve it.”

 Sue said, “Are you here to shop or browse?”

“A little bit of both,” I replied, “because I need to find a

birthday card for my cousin, but I really want to check out the

sales.”

“And the boys!” everyone laughed

Goal refection: How did you do? Write a 5 sentence summary of what area of dialogue were you struggling at and how did the practice help you improve. (Ex. Punctuation, capitalization, indenting, etc .)