

## Punctuation: Exercises

### Activity A

1. The black African and Caribbean are the largest minority ethnic groups, with distribution as follows; black African (16.1%) and Caribbean (8%).
2. Although, learning from experience is a natural process, development is limited if teachers only learn from their experience.
3. However a teacher can learn through interactions with other professionals (e.g. feedback, teamwork, mentoring).
4. The cardiovascular response to hypoxia is lower in old people than in young people, these findings reflect those found in previous studies.
5. My students who I like passed the exam.
6. The French are good at cooking; the English are good at eating.
7. She looked for her keys, and finding them, drove off.
8. The pupil's entrance is opposite the gym, but its shut today.
9. The patient asked what the treatment options were?
10. The research wasn't sufficiently thorough to be counted as valid.

### Activity B

1. I prefer Australian, red wines to all others.
2. Bronte's first novel, *Jane Eyre*, was swiftly followed by her second *Villette*.
3. She looked for her keys, and finding them, quickly drove off.
4. Kate James who is now a judge went to a comprehensive school.
5. Two members of the expedition were too ill to continue, nevertheless the others decided to press on. (nevertheless, consequently, hence, thus, however)
6. \*Just before unloading the trucks were fired upon.

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### Activity C

1. Pupil's entrance. (school sign)
2. Bobs' Motors.
3. Mens Toilets
4. Cyclist's only.
5. Recruitment at it's best.
6. Dr Jones's research.
7. Socrates' philosophy
8. Pica's, Long's and Krashen's research.
9. Most information giving websites include an FAQ's section.
10. Two week's work

### Activity D

1. I don't like him; not at all.
2. In 1991 the music world was shaken by a tragic event; the death of Freddy Mercury.
3. We've had streams of books on chaos theory; no fewer than twelve since 1988.
4. After a long and bitter struggle; Derrida was awarded an honorary degree by Cambridge University.

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