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## **Punctuation Practice**



Your mission is to add punctuation to the following paragraph. Add periods, commas, dashes, and more. When you are finished, you will see how your punctuation compares with the original paragraph. Then rewrite the paragraph so the punctuation is perfect.

## Add punctuation to the following paragraph:

Jaguars are the largest of South Americas big cats and the third largest cat in the world they are excellent swimmers with powerful jaws their fur has beautiful black spots that help camouflage them when hunting many South American cultures once worshiped these cats as gods today jaguars face many challenges from poachers and deforestation and their population has decreased significantly overall jaguars are magnificent creatures that deserve to be preserved and protected

| Rewrite the paragraph so that the punctuation is perfect. Then practice reading your paragraph aloud. |
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Here is the original paragraph. Keep in mind that students don't need to follow this template exactly. Punctuation can be used in a variety of ways.

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