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10-Sentence Story Challenge: Punctuation Playground

Prompt: Write a short story about a character who receives a mysterious package on their doorstep. The catch? Each sentence must use a different kind of punctuation.

Sentence 1 – End with a **period**.

Example: Ava stepped outside and noticed a box sitting quietly on her porch.



Sentence 2 – End with an **exclamation mark**.

Example: She jumped back—there was no name, no label, just her house number!

Sentence 3 – End with a **question mark**.

Example: Who would leave something so strange in the middle of the night?



Sentence 4 – Include a **comma**.

Example: She bent down, brushed off some dirt, and gently picked it up.

Sentence 5 – Include **quotation marks** (someone must speak).

Example: “Whatever this is, it better not be a prank,” she muttered.

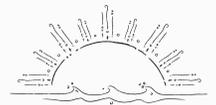


Sentence 6 – Use **parentheses**.

Example: The box was light (almost too light), and made no sound when she shook it.

Sentence 7 – Use a **colon**.

Example: A note was taped to the top: Open at sunset—alone.



Sentence 8 – Use an **apostrophe**.

Example: Ava’s hands trembled as she whispered, “It’s not even her birthday!”

Sentence 9 – Include a **dash or em dash**.

Example: She took a deep breath—then slowly opened the lid.



Sentence 10 – Use an **ellipsis** (to show a pause or trailing thought).

Example: Inside, she saw nothing but a single photo and a sentence that read, Be careful...

