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Echo The Punctuation Answer Key

Reflection Questions (Sample Answers):

1. Answers will vary. Example: Exclamation marks were easiest because they clearly show excitement.
2. Answers will vary. Example: Sentence 6 was hardest because it has a question and a longer phrase.
3. Punctuation signals **pauses, stops, and voice changes**. Commas mean pause, question marks mean rise in pitch, quotation marks mean dialogue voice, etc.
4. Punctuation is important for fluency because it helps readers **group words, show meaning, and keep the right rhythm**.

Teacher's Guide / Notes

- **Model Clearly:** Read sentences with exaggerated punctuation at first (long pauses for commas, sharp tone for exclamation marks, rising voice for questions).
- **Gradual Adjustment:** Once students understand, model more natural but still clear pacing.
- **Student Participation:** Have students point to each punctuation mark as you read before echoing.
- **Error Check:** If students miss a pause or change of tone, stop and re-read together.
- **Extension Idea:** Invite students to create their own short sentences with expressive punctuation and lead the class in echo reading them.