

WALT: separate clauses using commas and dashes to add more information, and commas in a list.

Write the sentences down into your books and insert the missing commas and dashes.

1. As Sabryna set off down towards the river with the Strongarms' washing she passed villagers climbing the hill with buckets of water.
2. There were no wells in the village so they depended on the river for every drop of water used for drinking cooking and cleaning.
3. Upstream mountains rose from the morning mist.
4. She knew that she must keep climbing higher it was important.
5. When she had reached the meandering river Sabryna saw that what the farm workers had said was true: the water was lower than she'd ever seen it.
6. She had to climb right down the slippery bank; the riverbed was by was only covered by only a few inches of water weeds exposed and drying in the spring sunshine.
7. Sabryna laid out her washboard and paddle knelt beside the river and dipped a golden gown into the river.
8. As she gazed at the cloudless sky the spring buds in the trees and the blue mountains in the distance her thoughts began to drift...
9. Soon she reached a jagged crack in the side of the mountain less than a handspan wide.
10. Impossibly a woman was walking out of the fissure towards Sabryna.
11. She waded in reached down and pulled out a handful of silver coins it was more money than her family had ever possessed all at once.

**WARNING! The answers to this punctuation task are below – no peeking!**

## Answers

1. As Sabryna set off down towards the river with the Strongarms' washing, she passed villagers climbing the hill with buckets of water.
2. There were no wells in the village so they depended on the river for every drop of water used for drinking, cooking and cleaning.
3. Upstream, mountains rose from the morning mist.
4. She knew that she must keep climbing higher – it was important.
5. When she had reached the meandering river, Sabryna saw that what the farm workers had said was true: the water was lower than she'd ever seen it.
6. She had to climb right down the slippery bank; the riverbed was by was only covered by only a few inches of water, weeds exposed and drying in the spring sunshine.
7. Sabryna laid out her washboard and paddle, knelt beside the river and dipped a golden gown into the river.
8. As she gazed at the cloudless sky, the spring buds in the trees and the blue mountains in the distance, her thoughts began to drift...
9. Soon, she reached a jagged crack in the side of the mountain, less than a handspan wide.
10. Impossibly, a woman was walking out of the fissure towards Sabryna.
11. She waded in, reached down and pulled out a handful of silver coins - it was more money than her family had ever possessed all at once.

