



END PUNCTUATION

End sentences with one of three punctuation marks: a period, a question mark, or an exclamation point.

THE PERIOD

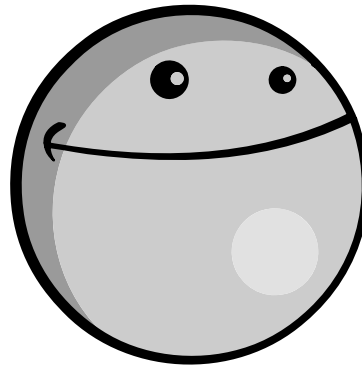
Use a period after statements and in abbreviations.

Examples of statements

I went to school.
Jenny likes flowers.
Please be considerate.

Examples of abbreviations

A.M.
Mr.
St.
e.g.



Caution!

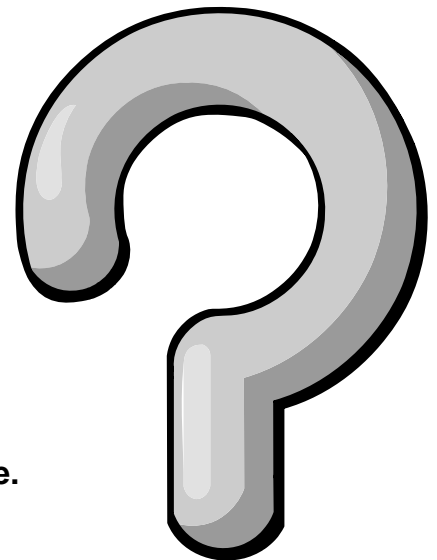
Do not use periods for acronyms, which are pronounceable words formed from the initial letters of the words in a name, such as AIDS, RCMP, and CBC.

THE QUESTION MARK

Use a question mark after a direct question.

Examples of direct questions

Why is the sky blue?
How old are you?
When is dinner ready?

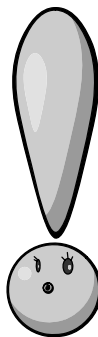


THE EXCLAMATION MARK

Use an exclamation point to show emphasis or surprise.

Examples

Come here right now!
"Oh no!" he yelled.
Get away from me!



WORKSHEET

Read the following sentences and insert the proper end punctuation.

1. What are you doing _____
2. That's so great _____
3. That boy is tall _____
4. Please don't litter _____
5. Why are you staring at me _____
6. What kind of dog do you have _____
7. Can I have a puppy _____
8. Wilbur is a little, cute pig _____
9. Wow, I'm so surprised _____
10. Shut up _____
11. I need a new job _____
12. What is the meaning of life _____
13. I like to eat ice cream _____
14. What are you going to be for Halloween _____
15. That's fantastic _____

ANSWER KEY

Read the following sentences and insert the proper end punctuation.

1. What are you doing ?
2. That's so great !
3. That boy is tall .
4. Please don't litter .
5. Why are you staring at me ?
6. What kind of dog do you have ?
7. Can I have a puppy ?
8. Wilbur is a little, cute pig .
9. Wow, I'm so surprised !
10. Shut up !
11. I need a new job .
12. What is the meaning of life ?
13. I like to eat ice cream .
14. What are you going to be for Halloween ?
15. That's fantastic !