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Workshop Activities, Minilessons, and Daily Sentences



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Using End Punctuation

Periods, question marks, and exclamation points usually signal the end of a sentence. (Refer to "Marking Punctuation" on pages 345-346 in the handbook if you have any questions about using these three punctuation marks.)

[Examples] **Basketball is my favorite sport.**

Samuel, what sport do you like?

"I like all sports!" Samuel shouted.

Note: In dialogue, you may need to use more than one end mark.



Add the correct end punctuation marks in the following sentences. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. Our coach sent me into the game.
2. I was a reserve player on our basketball team___
3. "Why me___" I asked myself___
4. Our coach hollered, "One minute left___"
5. Our team had the ball___
6. Who would get to take the last shot___
7. All of a sudden I felt the ball in my hands___
8. Why did they throw the ball to me___
9. "Shoot the ball___" yelled the crowd___
10. I set up and shot the ball___
11. I heard the buzzer___ I yelled, "No___"
12. The buzzer was my alarm clock___
13. It was all just a dream___

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End Punctuation Practice

Periods, question marks, and exclamation points are the three ways to end a sentence. Most of the time, it's easy to know which of these punctuation marks to use. But some sentences are a little harder. (Refer to "Marking Punctuation" on pages 345-346 in the handbook for more information.)

[Examples] **Our class was talking about the Olympics.**

Jerry asked, "Can you imagine being in the Olympics?"

"Awesome!" Carla said.



Add the correct end punctuation marks in the following sentences. The first sentence has been done for you.

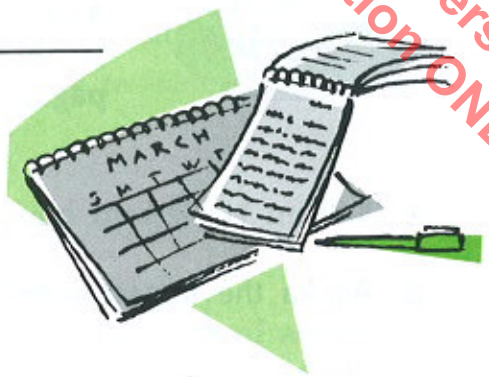
1. Paulo said his cousin was in the Olympics once .
2. "Really _____" asked Jerry _____ "What sport did he compete in _____"
3. Paulo said his cousin played football _____
4. "No way _____ That can't be true _____" Jerry said _____
5. Ms. Carrera asked Jerry why it couldn't be true _____
6. Jerry said, "There is no football in the Olympics _____"
7. "There is too _____" Paulo yelled _____
8. Ms. Carrera said, "You're both right _____ Who can explain this mystery _____"
9. Carla said, "The game Americans call soccer is called football in other countries _____ Paulo, your cousin played soccer in the Olympics, right _____"
10. "That's right _____ In the Olympics it's called football, but it's the same game as soccer _____ "
11. "Why does everything have to be so complicated _____ " Jerry asked _____

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Using Commas 1

Commas make writing easier to read by keeping words, numbers, and ideas from running together. (Refer to "Comma" on pages 347-352 in the handbook for more information.)



[Examples] Here are four uses for commas:

- To Keep Numbers Clear
  1,000 soup labels **42,000,000 people**
- In Dates and Addresses
  March 1, 2010 (but March 2010)
  My address is 404 State Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 50012.
- In Direct Address
  Jakub, please turn in your assignment.
- To Set Off Appositive Phrases
  Mr. Robertson, our band teacher, plays the trumpet.

Try It Out

Add commas as necessary in each of the following sentences.

1. My grandfather's address is 143 Maple Street Greendale OH 42019.
2. I have 1730 cards in my baseball card collection.
3. Julisa you really have a great singing voice.

Write two sentences using commas. In your first sentence, write your address. In your second sentence, use a noun of direct address.

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Add commas as needed in the following sentences. (Refer to the four uses of commas explained on the previous page.) The first sentence has been done for you.

1. William H. Seward bought Alaska from Russia in 1867 for $720,000.
2. Alaska the largest state in the United States is more than twice the size of Texas.
3. Juneau Alaska's capital city covers 3108 square miles.
4. Anchorage Alaska's largest city has a population of 260,283.
5. Mohamed did you know that there are more than 20 hours of daylight in an Alaskan summer day?
6. Mount McKinley is the highest peak in Alaska; it rises 20320 feet above sea level.
7. You can learn more about the history of Alaska by writing to the Alaska State Library P.O. Box 110571 Juneau AK 99811-0571.
8. Hawaii the last state to join the United States was admitted into the union on August 21 1959.
9. You may land in Honolulu the largest city in Hawaii if you fly to this state.
10. Visitors receive *leis* special wreaths of flowers when they arrive in Hawaii.

Next Step

Refer to your handbook for the rule on using commas to separate adjectives. Then write an original sentence in which you use a comma (or commas) according to this rule. Share your sentence with a classmate.

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Using Commas 2

Commas have many different uses in writing. (Refer to "Comma" on pages 347-350 in the handbook for more information.)

[Examples] Here are four important uses of commas:

- To Separate Introductory Phrases and Clauses
  After running the two-mile race, I needed a drink of water.
- To Separate Items in a Series
  I do the mile run, the high jump, and the long jump.
- To Set Off Interruptions
  However, the mile run is my best event.
- To Separate Independent Clauses in Compound Sentences
  I run every morning, but I never run more than three miles.

Try It Out

Add commas as needed in the following sentences.

1. During my free time I enjoy shopping and going to movies.
2. Kerry and I like to shop together but we don't like the same movies.
3. When I go to a movie I sometimes have to borrow money for my ticket.
4. I usually go to movies with Patrice Marisa or Mansi.
5. In fact Patrice and I went to a movie on Saturday.
6. I had to clean my room wash the dishes and take out the garbage before I could go out.
7. While I enjoy scary movies I like love stories even more.

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