

Punctuation Marks

Quick reference for elementary

- . Period — ends a statement.
- ? Question mark — ends a question.
- ! Exclamation mark — shows strong feeling.
- , Comma — separates items in a list, or a clause.
- ' Apostrophe — for possession or contractions.
- " " Quotation marks — surround what is said aloud.
- : Colon — introduces a list or explanation.
- ; Semicolon — links two related independent clauses.
- () Parentheses — add extra information.
- — Em dash — a strong pause or interruption.
- - Hyphen — joins two words to make a compound.
- ... Ellipsis — shows a pause or trailing off.

