

This Power Point is about
the punctuation marks:

FULL STOP .

QUESTION MARK ?

EXCLAMATION MARK !

ELLIPSIS ...

You are learning about... **PUNCTUATION MARKS . ? ! ...**

Punctuation helps a reader
understand both the
rhythm and meaning of a
sentence.

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FULL STOP .

The huge spider silently crept across its silvery web.

A full stop marks the end
of a sentence.

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FULL STOP .

The huge spider silently crept across its silvery web. The trapped fly buzzed weakly as the spider approached.



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There is no space *before* a full stop, but a space is left *after* one.

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FULL STOP .

The huge spider silently crept across its silvery web. The trapped fly buzzed weakly as the spider approached.

A full stop is followed by a capital letter at the start of the new sentence.

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FULL STOP .

Doctor Amy Ford (from the Research Department at Bath University) visited Saint Philip's School on Friday 1st October.

Dr. Amy Ford (from the Research Dept. at Bath Uni.) visited St. Philip's Sch. on Fri. 1st Oct.

Stops are *sometimes* used to show that a word has been abbreviated.

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FULL STOP .

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Stops are used in web and email addresses. Here they are known as “dots”.

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QUESTION MARK ?

Did the spider creep across its silvery web?

Question marks signal the end of a question.

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QUESTION MARK ?

What was that in the darkness? He could not tell.

Usually, the ? signals the end of the sentence so a capital letter should begin the next sentence.

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QUESTION MARK ?

“What are your names?” asked the teacher.

If the ? appears in direct speech, it does not necessarily signal the end of the sentence.

“When did you see him?” enquired the officer sternly.

“Does that look right?” asked Anna, pointing at the photograph.

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QUESTION MARK ?

I did my homework on Tuesday evening.

When did you do your homework?

What did you do on Tuesday evening?

Who did your homework on Tuesday evening?

To make a direct question, question words, such as 'when', 'who' or 'where' are added at the beginning.

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QUESTION MARK ?

“It’s cold today, isn’t it?”

“The test wasn’t easy, was it?”

“You look smart, don’t you?”

A question tag is added to the end of a statement with a comma.

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QUESTION MARK ?

“Do you know where Mary went?” asked James.

Questions in reported speech *do not* end in a question mark:

James asked me if I knew where Mary had gone.

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EXCLAMATION MARK !

That spider is huge!

Exclamation marks signal the end of an exclamation.

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EXCLAMATION MARK !

! can signal the expression of a strong emotion such as:

SURPRISE: You can't wear that to the party!

ANGER: You will not!

EXCITEMENT: I can't wait!

PANIC: Help me!

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EXCLAMATION MARK !

! can be used to add emphasis:

There's a fly in my soup.

There's a fly in my soup!

It's ten miles away.

It's ten miles away!

I need help.

I need help!

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PUNCTUATION MARKS . ? ! ...

! are often over-used.

They are rarely used in formal writing.



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ELLIPSIS ...

3 full stops in a row are called an 'ellipsis'.

The monster crept towards her and opened its mouth ...

He couldn't do that. Or could he...?

"Say that again. I didn't hear you!"

"Whatever you do, don't ..."

The Daily Telegraph reviewer described the film as "a mind-numbing ... disaster of a movie".

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ELLIPSIS ...

The monster opened its mouth and ...

He couldn't do that. Or could he...?

Here the ellipsis shows that the sentence has been left unfinished. This might be used to create suspense.

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ELLIPSIS ...

“Say that again. I didn’t hear you!”

“Whatever you do, don’t ...”

Here the ellipsis shows that the speaker has been cut off abruptly. This is often used to show when someone has been interrupted.

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ELLIPSIS ...

The Daily Telegraph reviewer described the film as “a mind-numbing ... disaster of a movie”.

Here the ellipsis shows that there is some text missing. This is often used when quoting from a report or review.

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SUMMARY

- > **FULL STOPS** mark the end of sentences
- > **QUESTION MARKS** signal the end of a question
- > **EXCLAMATION MARKS** convey a strong emotion or add emphasis
- > **ELLIPSES** signal when text is missing or ends abruptly