Punctuation

Comma

- Separates words in a list.
- Used with coordinative conjunctions.
- Separates phrases and clauses.
- Contains additional info, that could have been inserted into brackets.

Full stop/Period

- Indicates the end of sentences/statements.
- Used after abbreviations.

Semicolon

- Joins two related complete sentences.
- Separates list items when commas are is the list.

Quotation Marks

- Also called inverted commas.
- Used to quote someone else's words.

Brackets/Parentheses

Contains additional information.



Question Mark

Indicates that the sentence is a question.

Exclamation Mark

- Shows strong feeling.
- Follows exclamations and interjections.
- Strengthens the tone of the statement.

Ellipsis

Indicates that a sentence is incomplete, or that something has been omitted.

Apostrophe

- Used for contractions.
- Shows possession.
- Indicate missing letters.

Colon

- Introduces a list.
- Introduces a quotation.
- Used before a clause to explain a previous statement.