

Question marks

Question marks mark the end of a question.

Where is it?
What's the time?



Full stops

Full stops mark the end of a sentence.

I like shopping.
It is over there.



Exclamation marks

Exclamation marks mark the end of an exclamation.

Ouch! That hurts!
What big teeth you have!



Apostrophes

Apostrophes are used for **omission** (missing out letters) or **possession** (showing belonging).

Would not wouldn't

The pencil belongs to Molly.
It is Molly's pencil.



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Expected Punctuation



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Commas

Commas separate words in a list. These might be **adjectives** or a **list of objects**.

The **old, bearded** wizard.
I packed my **books, pencil case and lunchbox**.

Commas also separate an independent clause from a **subordinate clause**.

Although it was raining, we still went outside.
Since it is my birthday, we're going out.

Commas also mark a fronted adverbial of **time, reason, manner or place**.

Yesterday, it rained all day long.
Because of the weather, we had to stay inside.
With an evil look in her eye, she stepped forward.
In the middle of the forest, an old wizard cast his spell.

Inverted commas

Inverted commas are used to punctuate **direct speech**.

"How lovely to see you!" exclaimed Mum.

