



End Punctuation

End punctuation is used to end a statement, question, or exclamation.

1. Periods

- A. Periods are used to end a statement or indirect question.
- B. Tomorrow is another day.
- C. I asked my sister if she was coming to the reunion.

2. Question Marks

- A. Use question marks following a direct question.
- B. Is that your shoe?
- C. Where is the house?

3. Exclamation Points

- A. Use exclamation points following a sentence with strong emotions or surprise.
- B. Run!
- C. Fire!
- D. There's a wasp!

Quotations

Commas set off the quote from the signal words or phrases and the introduction of the quote. In Modern America usage, sentence-ending punctuation – unless a citation follows it – should be placed *within* the quotation marks.

- 1. The police officer said, “Get out of the car!”
- 2. “Discourses are mastered through acquisition,” Gee says, “not learning.”
- 3. The student asked, “Where are the books?”
- 4. Caro’s *Master of the Senate* argues that Lyndon Johnson’s early career showed “hints of compassion for the downtrodden, and of a passion to raise them up” (xxi).

Note: If you use a quote or partial quote and do not introduce the quote or partial quote, you do not use a comma.

- 1. The student failed because she had “club obligations.”
- 2. Teachers who say “not my problem” are not committed.