

Mastering Punctuation with Max the Monkey

Ready to make your writing pop? Join Max the Monkey as he sorts out his sentences!

- Every sentence must start with a capital letter and end with a punctuation mark, such as a full stop, a question mark, or an exclamation mark.
- Use a comma to separate items in a list, or to separate clauses in a longer sentence to help the reader understand the rhythm.
- Use an apostrophe for possession to show that something belongs to someone, like 'Max's banana' or 'the elephant's trunk'.
- Inverted commas (also called speech marks) are used to show exactly what a character is saying in a story.
- Exclamation marks are used for emphasis or to show strong feelings like surprise, excitement, or shock.
- Always check your work carefully; punctuation is the secret code that helps your reader understand your ideas clearly.

Did you know? Did you know? Before the 15th century, people wrote in 'scriptio continua', which means there were no spaces between words and no punctuation at all! It must have been very tricky to read a story without a single full stop to take a breath.

Key vocabulary: Capital Letter · Full Stop · Question Mark · Exclamation Mark · Comma · Inverted Commas · Apostrophe