

# End Punctuation

End punctuation marks include the following examples.

- the period (.)
- the question mark (?)
- the exclamation point (!)

These punctuation marks are used with different types of sentences.

1. Place a **period** at the end of a sentence that makes a statement, a request, or a command. (Note: A period may also be used as an inside punctuation mark following initials and abbreviations.)

We studied for <b>Dr.</b> Martin's history test.	(statement)
Please call <b>Dr. M. K.</b> Jones for the test results.	(request)
Do not speed when driving in Port <b>St.</b> Lucie.	(command)

2. Place a **question mark** at the end of a sentence that asks a question.

Whom are you calling?	Who is next?
Where did you leave the car?	Where did he go?

3. Place an **exclamation point** at the end of a sentence that expresses *strong feeling or emotion*.

Watch out for that child!	Get out of here!
Their house is on fire!	Run!



When using end punctuation, make certain that every sentence is a complete sentence. A complete sentence has at least one subject and one verb and expresses a complete thought. An incomplete sentence is known as a fragment.

<b>Fragment:</b>	<b>The people inside.</b>
<b>Correct:</b>	<b>The people inside have tickets.</b>

<b>Fragment:</b>	<b>Trucks making noise.</b>
<b>Correct:</b>	<b>The trucks are making noise.</b>

<b>Fragment:</b>	<b>Sitting there angry and soaking wet.</b>
<b>Correct:</b>	<b>She was sitting there angry and soaking wet.</b>

**Exercise 1 : Choose the sentence that is written correctly and shows the correct capitalization and punctuation. Be sure the sentence you choose is complete.**

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| 1 | A Bill works the night shift.<br>B Working all day to finish her chores.<br>C When I got home after work.<br>D She was sick she went home.   | 5 | A Did you watch that show last night?<br>B Lots of fire and smoke.<br>C It is starting to rain!<br>D People making too much noise.                 |
| 2 | A Slow down! There's a child in the road<br>B She cut her finger<br>C Did you call the doctor.<br>D That house is on fire!                   | 6 | A Strolling into class late..<br>B Trying very hard to finish the job.<br>C Who called?<br>D Because Dr. Jones bought a Corvette.                  |
| 3 | A Smelly, rotten trash in the garage.<br>B Too many people in line.<br>C To listen carefully and pay attention.<br>D Someone lost her purse. | 7 | A Entering college after high school.<br>B Learning a lot and meeting new people.<br>C When are you planning to leave.<br>D The game was canceled. |
| 4 | A Isn't one accident enough?<br>B Are you sure you brought drinks.<br>C She has lost a lot of weight<br>D I hope you called the doctor?      | 8 | A Learning a lot and meeting new people.<br>B To travel and see the world.<br>C Run!<br>D I think that he plays basketball!                        |

**Exercise 2: Decide which punctuation mark is needed.**

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| 1 | Did you remember to bring the cooler<br>A .      B ?      C !                                      |
| 2 | Look out for that falling box<br>A ?      B !      C .   |
| 3 | Is it raining outside<br>A .      B ?      C !   |
| 4 | Mrs. Jones will pick the children up after the game<br>A ?      B !      C .                       |
| 5 | Tom Brady holds many of the National Football League's passing records<br>A .      B ?      C !    |
| 6 | Sandra please call the restaurant and make reservations for 7 p.m. Friday<br>A .      B ?      C ! |
| 7 | Are there any messages for me, Sue<br>A .      B ?      C !  |