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* Punctuation marks are symbols, which is used to organize the structure of written language, to indicate intonation and pauses to be observed when reading aloud, and to avoid ambiguity.
* **Terminal Punctuation Marks:**

**1-** **Period** **/** **Full** **stop** **(.) :** is used at the end of a sentence.

a- I teach English language**.**

b- If it rains tomorrow, I’ll bring my umbrella**.**

c- Mr**.** John was talking with Mr**.** Smith**.**

d- Please don’t feed the animals**.**

e- If it rains tomorrow, bring your umbrella**.**

**2- Exclamation Mark (!): is** used to indicate strong emotions.

a- I’m really excited about my new job**!**

b- If you come to work late tomorrow, you’re fired**!**

c- Ouch! You just steeped on my foot**!**

**3- Question Mark (?): is** used at the end of direct questions.

a- Who lives in that house**?**

b- If it rains tomorrow, should I bring my umbrella**?**

* **Pauses:**

**1- Comma (,): is** used between items in a series or list. The last two items of the series usually do not need a comma between them. They are separated by "and".

a- We need to buy milk**,** eggs**,** flour**,** and sugar for the cake.

b- Unfortunately**,** he missed his flight.

c- Emma**,** can you come here and help me with this?

d- Her parents wanted her to be a doctor. However**,** she had other plans.

e- They offered him a promotion**,** and he accepted it immediately.

**2- Semicolon (;): is** used instead of a full stop or period to separate independent sentences:

a- I thought it was an amazing film**;** she thought it was terrible.

b- Her parents wanted her to be a doctor**;** however, she had other plans.

**3- Colon (:): is** Use a colon to introduce a list, To introduce an idea or an explanation...etc.

a- Danny’s sea food restaurant specializes in four items**:** prawn, shrimp, crab, and lobster.

b- Let me make this very clear**:** if you fail another test, I’m taking away all your video games.