

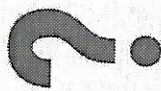
Punctuation

Period



My name's Beth and I was 18 in July.

Question Mark



Where are you from?

Quotation Marks



"I work in Italy", said Jimmy.

Exclamation Mark



Sit down!

Comma



She is your sister, isn't she?

Hyphen



My eight-year-old boy loves reading.

Apostrophe



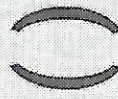
They're going to the movies tonight.

Colon



You have two choices: finish the work today or lose the contract.

Parentheses



The two brothers (Richard and Sean) were learning how to play guitar.

Semicolon



My daughter is a teacher; my son is a doctor.

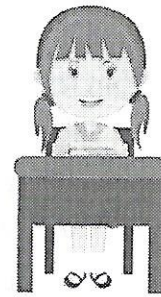
QUOTATION MARKS ("...")



- Quotation marks ("...") are a type of punctuation used to mark an exactly replicated word or statement. This can be a phrase by a person or character, the title of a work, or to indicate or emphasize the alternate use of a word.
- Quotation marks take the appearance of a set of inverted commas and are used in pairs consisting of an opening quotation mark and a closing one.
- There are two major sets of rules regarding quotation marks: British and American.

To Show Speech or Writing by a Character

- Harry sighed. "I didn't mean to break the window."
- "I don't want to eat dinner," said Judith.



To Give Someone a Special Description

- His name is Ben "Impossible" Jones.
- The satellite sent back pictures of some weird "fuzz" on the star.

To Emphasize a Word

- He had a "chat" with the neighbors yesterday.

To Notate Smaller Sections in a Larger Composition

- The first chapter of *The Hobbit* is titled "An Unexpected Visit." (Book Chapter)
- "Creep" is a song on Radiohead's 1993 album, *Pablo Honey*. (Song in an Album)
- The final episode of *The Sopranos* is aptly named "Made in America." (Individual TV episode)
- "The Beast from the East" was one of the BBC's most viewed articles in 2018. (Article in a Newspaper)

Special Case: Single Quotation Marks within a Passage Enclosed by Double Quotation Marks

- "I didn't actually mean it when I said 'right now'." (Re-quote)
- "Your essay on the literary influence of T.S. Eliot's 'The Wasteland' is due tomorrow," said the teacher. (Reference to a Work in a Quote)

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