

Using Punctuation

Punctuation and Capitalization

Instructions:

Cut along the dotted lines of the mat pages and tape the mat together. Have your child cut out the sentence cards along the dotted lines. Shuffle the cards and place them facedown in a stack. Invite your child to take the top card and read the sentence. Encourage him or her to identify what punctuation mark is missing from the sentence—a period, a comma, an exclamation point, or a question mark. Then have your child place the card on the mat in the correct column. Keep going until your child has sorted all 24 sentence cards.

Helpful Hint:

Explain to your child what types of sentences end with a period, an exclamation point, and a question mark. For example, tell your child that sentences that end with question marks often begin with words like “who,” “what,” “when,” “where,” and “why.” Also remind your child where commas might go in certain sentences and what function they serve—in lists of items, in dates, and between cities and states.



| Needs a Period • | Needs a Comma , | Needs an Exclamation Point ! | Needs a Question Mark ? |
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Did you hear the telephone ring?

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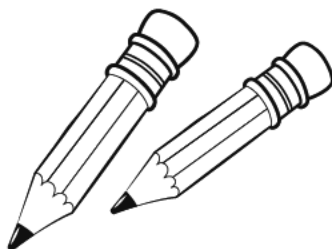
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| Watch out for bears | Did you hear the telephone ring |
| You did an outstanding job | Where are my blue shoes |
| That is great news | Who is the new baseball coach |
| The fireworks were amazing | How do I get to Grandma's house |
| Look out for the snake | Will you help me cook dinner |
| That onion stinks | Why aren't you eating your vegetables |

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| It is raining today | Yosemite National Park is near Sacramento California. |
| Please remember to brush your teeth | Pam ate a hamburger fries and fruit for lunch. |
| Andrea is in the third grade | George Washington was born on February 22 1732. |
| Emily lives on Oak Street | Sheri is from Seattle Washington. |
| Peter just bought a fish tank for his room | Wendi's teacher gave her a pencil paper and ruler. |
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Answer Key

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