

Basic Skills Assessment and Educational Services Presents

Mastering Punctuation
Primary Elementary
Student Book

*A Proven Method That Makes Using the
Right Punctuation Marks Easy*

PERIODS

- ❖ Periods are placed at the end of every statement.

Examples:

- Mary went to the store.
- We will eat when we get home.

- ❖ Periods are placed at the end of every abbreviation.

Examples:

- Mrs. Davidson
- Main St.
- Fri.



PRACTICE:

Add the missing period to each of the sentences below.

1. This dog belongs to John
2. Sarah loves ice cream
3. The basketball rolled down the driveway
4. There were three zebras at the zoo
5. Kelsey enjoys swimming
6. Mr Patton rang the doorbell.
7. The swimming pool is on Park St
8. His name was Mark, and Mark Jr is his son's name.
9. Can you ride your bike to 5th Ave from here?
10. Eric went to see Dr Hamilton when he was sick.

QUESTION MARKS

❖ Question marks are placed at the end of every question.

Examples:

- Where did the dog go?
- Can you help me?

PRACTICE:

Add the missing question mark to each of the sentences below.

1. What is your favorite color
2. May we ride the horses
3. Can you see me
4. When will Rachel get home
5. How much does the bubblegum cost



Period *and* Question Mark Practice:

Add the missing period *or* question mark to the sentences below.

1. It is cold in here
2. Have the chicks hatched from their eggs yet
3. Our family watched a movie together last night
4. The buildings on Main St are very tall.
5. Have you ever been to California
6. Sally watered the plants
7. Sam drew a picture of a tiger for Mrs Potters.
8. Do you like cake or pie better
9. Who called on the phone
10. He is a kind man

Problem Set #1

Periods and Question Marks

Add the two missing punctuation marks to each of the sentences below.

1. Grandma made blueberry pie for Mr Connor when he was sick
2. Is the library on First Ave open today
3. Sarah had piano lessons every Mon with Ms Davis.
4. Do you have an appointment with Dr Jansen
5. Is your birthday on Sept 27

Three of the sentences below are incorrectly punctuated. Circle the number next to each incorrect sentence.

1. Mr Smith is on vacation?
2. Bobby and Andrew have a basketball game on Feb. 18.
3. Hannah always brushes her teeth before going to bed.
4. How old are you.
5. The dog loved to chase the ball

Below are ten sentences that are missing a punctuation mark. Draw a line between the sentence and the needed punctuation mark.

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| 1. Dr Smith is his name. | ? |
| 2. Why are you here | . |
| 3. Ms Bellingham made the cake. | ? |
| 4. Dec 25 is Christmas. | . |
| 5. Where is the cat | . |
| 6. How did that happen | . |
| 7. This is Main St | ? |
| 8. We will turn on Apple Ave | ? |
| 9. When will the pizza be done | . |
| 10. What is your name | ? |

EXCLAMATION POINTS

- ❖ Exclamation points are placed at the end of interjections.

Examples:

- Bravo!
- Wait!

- ❖ Exclamation points are placed at the end of sentences showing strong or sudden emotion.

Examples:

- What a big tree!
- I can't believe it!

PRACTICE:

Add the missing exclamation point to each of the interjections below.

1. Hello
2. Look out
3. Yes
4. Hooray
5. Definitely



Add the missing exclamation point to each of the sentences below.

6. The dog had her puppies
7. Tomorrow is my birthday
8. Don't eat that
9. It's the most incredible thing you will ever see
10. What a beautiful day

Problem Set #2

Exclamation Points

Add the missing punctuation mark to each sentence below.

1. I just lost a tooth
2. Look at the big plane
3. My watch is missing
4. This is crazy
5. Have a wonderful day

Three of the sentences below are incorrectly punctuated. Circle the number next to each incorrect sentence.

1. What a great show!
2. Good job
3. Merry Christmas!
4. Look at the bald eagle
5. She gave the command, "Ready, set, go"

Add the needed punctuation mark to the exclamations below.

1. Look out
2. Wait
3. Stop
4. No
5. Hooray

REVIEW

Periods, Question Marks, and Exclamation Points

*** * * REMEMBER * * ***

- ❖ Periods are placed at the end of every statement and every abbreviation.
- ❖ Question marks are placed at the end of every question.
- ❖ Exclamation points are placed at the end of interjections.
- ❖ Exclamation points are placed at the end of sentences showing strong or sudden emotion.

Three of the sentences below are incorrectly punctuated. Circle the number next to each incorrect sentence.

1. Catch that dog!
2. Does Mr. Patton ride his bike to work!
3. Why don't you like blueberries.
4. The movie ended at 9 P M
5. Christopher and his family went on a picnic together.



Place the correct punctuation mark in the spaces provided.

1. Wait for me _____
2. Is it time yet _____
3. My watch needs new batteries _____
4. The boy asked a question _____
5. Who just yelled _____

The paragraph below has ten errors. Each sentence is followed by the number of errors that are in that sentence. Add the missing punctuation marks.

Today my family is going to Disneyland (1) We leave at seven a m and get back Thursday night (3) Our neighbor, Mr Hansen, has been there before. (1) I asked him many questions like, "How long does it take to get there " (1) "What will it be like when we get there " (1) I also asked him, "What is your favorite ride " (1) I think that we will all have a lot of fun (1) Hooray for Disneyland (1)