

Periods and Other End Marks

Teaching

The three end marks are the period, question mark, and exclamation point.

Periods Use a period at the end of a **declarative sentence**, which makes a statement.

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the sun.

Use a period at the end of almost every **imperative sentence**. An imperative sentence gives a command. If a command is said with emotion, it ends in an exclamation point.

Put that book away. Put it away!

Use a period at the end of an **indirect question**. An indirect question reports what a person asked without using the person's exact words.

Thomas asked if we had read the map correctly.

Use a period after an **abbreviation** or an **initial**, as in this example: Dr. Mary J. Smith

Question marks Use a question mark to end an **interrogative sentence**, or question.

Where exactly is Napoleon, Ohio?

Exclamation points Use an exclamation point to end an **exclamatory sentence**, that is, a sentence that expresses strong feeling. Use an exclamation point after an **interjection**.

Wow! What a beautiful view!

Using Periods and Other End Marks

Add punctuation as necessary in the following items.

1. Does your friend Brandon C Mitchell live in New York City
2. New York City has more people than many countries have
3. Incredible Just imagine ten million people on the city streets at the same time
4. How difficult it must be to get to school or work
5. The bus arrives at 7:23 AM
6. How often does the C train run
7. Write an essay about the various forms of transportation in New York City

8. The passenger asked whether the bus stopped at the zoo

9. Why are these streets so narrow