

- A Period goes at the end of a telling sentence.
- ? A Question Mark goes at the end of an asking sentence.
- ! An Exclamation Point goes at the end of an exciting sentence.

👉 Be a newspaper reporter! Finish the story below by filling in the missing ending marks.

STARFALL★TIMES

Level II

Where children have fun reading the news!

Reporter

Clean-Up Day!

The park is a big mess ○

Would you like to help ○

Come to the park at noon ○

Please bring bags and rakes ○

Thank you ○



Teacher Notes: Punctuation (Grade 1)

ONLINE ACTIVITY

[Punctuation Investigation](#)

ESL VOCABULARY

<i>bags</i>	<i>exclamation mark</i>	<i>park</i>
<i>period</i>	<i>question mark</i>	<i>race</i>

LEAD-IN ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

1. Gather newspapers to use as a visual. Read a sentence with and without punctuation. Discuss the need for punctuation when writing.
2. Explain to your students that you will be writing a short shared story about recent news at your school (i.e., you may have new playground equipment or an event coming up). Each time you come to the end of a sentence, pause and ask the children what type of punctuation belongs at the end of the sentence and why.
3. Review ESL vocabulary, read punctuation definitions together, and complete worksheet.

EXTENSION ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

1. Relocate a few of the common objects used in your classroom. Place children in small groups and tell them they will be classroom detectives today. Each group should work together to locate one item that has been moved. After locating the item, they will work together and write one question, one telling sentence, and one exciting sentence. The groups will choose a member of their group to read their news to the class and explain why they chose to use the punctuation at the end of their sentences.
2. Provide newsprint for students to create their own newspaper and place in book area for others to access.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. **Virtual:** Gather newspapers to use as a visual. Read a sentence with and without punctuation. Discuss the need for punctuation when writing. Explain to your students that you will be writing a short shared story about recent news at your school (i.e., you may have new books, a new schedule, or a new project coming up). Each time you come to the end of a sentence, pause and ask the children what type of punctuation belongs and the end of the sentence and why. Display the *Starfall Times* worksheet. Read definitions together and proceed to complete worksheet.
2. **ESL and Special Education:** Display visuals of ESL vocabulary before beginning lesson.