

## Punctuation Poster

Congratulations on your purchase of this Really Good Stuff® **Punctuation Poster**—a colorful and easy-to-use reference to get students thinking about punctuation and its uses.

### This Really Good product includes:

- **Punctuation Poster**, laminated
- This Really Good Stuff® Activity Guide

### Introducing the *Punctuation Poster*

Make a copy of this Activity Guide and store the pages for future use. Display the poster in your classroom or in a writing center where students will be able to easily read it and refer to it. Begin reviewing the punctuation that students are already familiar with by choosing a student to point out the period on the poster and read when to use it. Challenge students to write a sentence that includes a period. Have a few students write their sentences on the board and explain why they used a period. Continue choosing students to point out each punctuation mark on the poster and have students write sentences until each type of punctuation has been introduced or reviewed. Make copies of the *Punctuation Poster Reproducible* for students and have them place the sheets in their writing notebooks or folders for easy reference.

### Punctuation Card Shuffle

Get your students involved in this activity to help them review the punctuation marks and their usage. Make a copy of the *Punctuation Cards Reproducible* for each student. Have the students cut the cards apart, shuffle them together, and then spread them out on their desks. Explain to students that you are going to tell them when to start and they are to match up the punctuation mark cards with the sentence cards needing the punctuation. The first student to match all the cards correctly is the winner. Play several games and then challenge students to write their own sentence cards for additional games and place several sets at a center.

### Create a Quiz

Give your students a cooperative challenge by having them create their own Punctuation Quizzes to help with classroom review. Make 20 copies of the *Punctuation Quiz Reproducible*. After completing your punctuation lessons, divide your students into 10 working groups and give each group two copies of the *Punctuation Quiz Reproducible*. Explain that you are going to assign a different punctuation mark to each group and each group is to write sentences to test students' knowledge for the punctuation mark. Have each group write its punctuation mark in the title on both sheets along with the names of the group members. Then, have the students write (encourage them to print, if necessary) their quiz sentences on both sheets, leaving one sheet with missing punctuation and the other sheet with the correct punctuation to use as an answer key. Have them write "Answer Key" on the second sheet and ask one member of each group to store it in a writing folder. When students are finished, collect the blank quizzes with missing punctuation and make copies of them to use as review quizzes on punctuation. As each quiz is administered, allow the appropriate group to grade the papers from their answer key.

### What's Missing?

Box off an area on your whiteboard or chalkboard to create space for a What's Missing? Challenge. Write the header "What's Missing?" at the top of the box and leave plenty of space to write a sentence. Have students write "What's Missing?" at the top of a piece of notebook paper and place it in their writing folders to use with this activity. Each day, write a sentence on the board that requires punctuation and challenge students to write the sentence on their sheets and add the missing punctuation. During writing time or at the end of the day, choose one or two students to write their corrected sentences on the board.

# PUNCTUATION

## Period



Use a period at the end of a declarative sentence and in abbreviations.

## Question Mark



Use a question mark after an interrogative sentence.

## Quotation Marks



Use quotation marks for direct quotations.

## Apostrophe

Use an apostrophe in contractions and to indicate possession.

## Comma

Use a comma to separate items in a series, to set off an appositive, or before the conjunction in a compound sentence.



## Hyphen

Use a hyphen to join words serving as a single adjective before a noun, in number words, and to divide words into syllables.



## Exclamation Point

Use an exclamation point to show strong emotion or to give a command.



## Colon

Use a colon to introduce a list and before a final clause that explains something in the sentence.



## Parentheses

Use parentheses around extra non-essential information that is too important to omit.



## Semicolon

Use a semicolon to join two independent clauses that are not connected with a coordinate conjunction.



<b>Period .</b>	We had a great time at the beach this weekend
<b>Apostrophe ’</b>	Kathys dog was in desperate need of a bath.
<b>Question Mark ?</b>	When are we going to the movies
<b>Comma ,</b>	Mom needed to get milk eggs and cheese at the store.
<b>Exclamation Point !</b>	Watch out for that car
<b>Colon :</b>	I need the following ingredients for my cake butter, sugar, and flour.
<b>Semicolon ;</b>	Hand me that pencil I need to put my name on my paper.
<b>Parentheses ( )</b>	We went overseas Europe for our vacation.
<b>Quotation Marks “ ”</b>	Why can’t we play laser tag this weekend? he inquired.
<b>Hyphen -</b>	Chocolate covered peanuts are one of my favorite snacks.

# Quiz Creators

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**Punctuation Quiz for:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill in the correct punctuation for each sentence.*

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