


PUNCTUATION

What Are Punctuation Marks?

Punctuation marks are **symbols** to help readers understand how to read sentences.

Examples:

- **Period**-ending marks, abbreviations
- **Question mark**-ending marks
- **Exclamation point**-ending marks
- **Comma**-separating items or words, direct address, dates
- **Semicolon**-joining two parts of a compound sentence
- **Colon**-before a list of items, in times, after the salutation of a business letter
- **Quotation marks**-enclosing a direct quotation, songs, short stories, or poems
- **Apostrophe**-possessives, contractions
- **Hyphen**-word breaks, compound numbers
- **Parentheses**-additions to sentences
- **Dash**-bre



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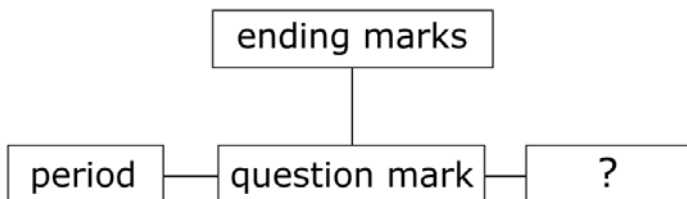
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Try This!

1] " Boating is a relaxing activity. Where does the comma belong?"

- a] after the word *Boating*
- b] after the word *relaxing*
- c] after the word *spend*
- d] after the word *afternoon*

2]



What **word** belongs in the rectangle?

- a] comma
- b] apostrophe
- c] quotation marks
- d] exclamation point