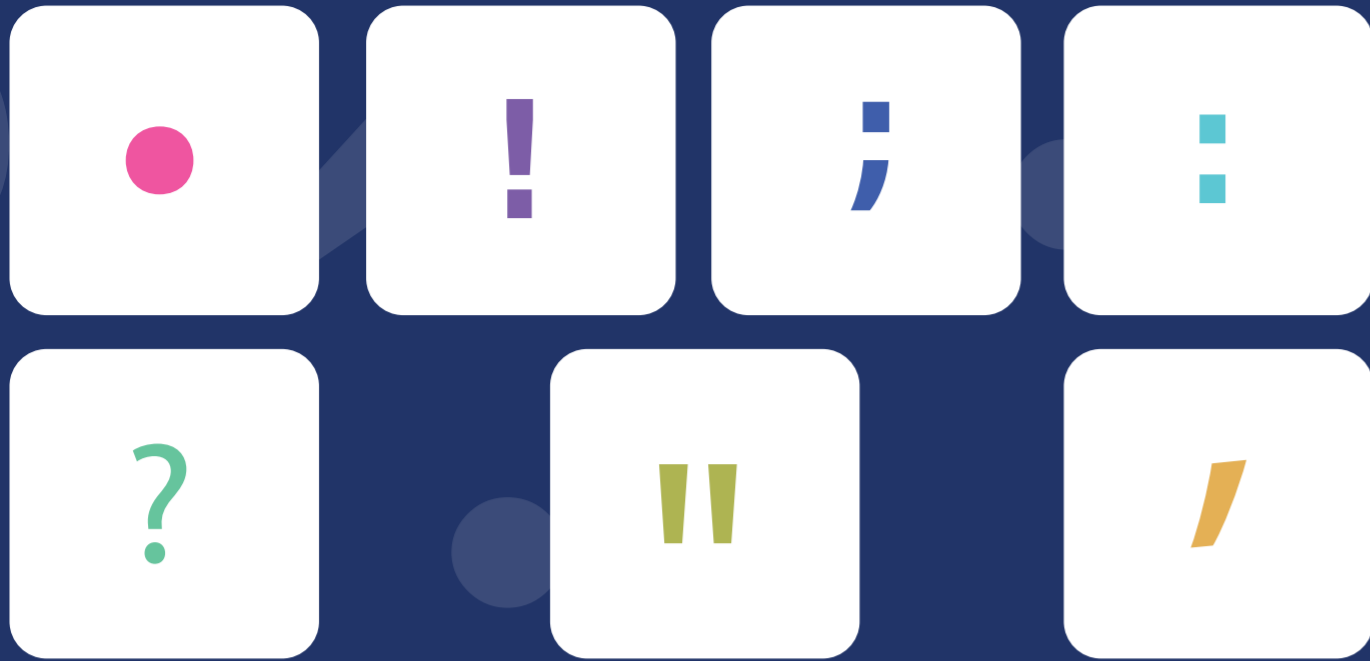


# PUNCTUATION



## Full Stop

This shows the end of a sentence. A sentence always contains a noun and a verb and always makes sense on its own..

Example

On Saturday I'm going shopping.



## Exclamation Mark

This ends a sentence to show excitement, surprise, anger or emphasis.

Example

I passed my exams!  
I forgot my phone!



## Semicolon

We can use this instead of a full stop to join two sentences that are related.

Example

My sister bought some chocolate; I love chocolate.



## Colon

We use this at the start of a list.

Example

On holiday I went to these places: the museum, the beach, the mall and some restaurants.



## Question Mark

This ends a sentence that is a question.

Example

How old are you?



## Apostrophe

We use an apostrophe ' when we make words shorter.

Example

Do not = don't  
We will = we'll

We also use them to show ownership (possession).  
If the owner is 1 person add 's.

Example

This is Sarah's house.  
(The house belongs to Sarah)

If the owner's name ends in s, just add ' .  
James' phone is broken.

If there is more than 1 owner (plural) add 's .  
I like children's books.

The dogs' food is here. (More than 1 dog)



## Comma

This can be used to separate items in a list.

Example

This morning I ate a banana, an apple, chocolate and some nuts.

It can also be used to separate a phrase that could be left out of a sentence and would still make sense.

Example

Sarah, my best friend, is a teacher.

In longer sentences we can use a comma to join two parts.

I like going on holiday to hot countries, but I don't like long