

Punctuation for Effect



Punctuation Review



- Tells the reader when to stop or slow down
- Help the reader understand what the writer means

Using Punctuation for Effect



- Writers can use punctuation to add emotion or create a certain mood

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- **Parentheses**
 - Add information that is not necessary to the meaning of the sentence
 - ✦ Words that are part of the sentence are outside the parentheses

You can use sour cream (or Greek yogurt) in the recipe.

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- Quotation Marks
 - Show when a person is speaking
 - ✦ Surrounds only the dialogue

Rachel asked, “Can I use sour cream or Greek yogurt in that recipe?”

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- **Dash**
 - Add emphasis
 - Stronger than a comma
 - Does not separate like parentheses

The only the she could do – if she could do anything at all – was wait for her test scores to arrive.

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- **Exclamation Mark**
 - Add emotion
 - Used with an interjection – Oh, no!
 - Shows that strong emotion is intended

I just stubbed my toe!

Stop! You are making a mess.

Practice



- Add punctuation for effect:
 - **Dad said don't be late for dinner**
 - **We left the park at 5:50 we checked Sarah's watch**
 - **Sarah's watch was wrong so we were late Dad was mad**
 - **Oh gosh I forgot to buy dog food**
 - **I was sorry when Ms. Green left she was my favorite teacher**
 - **Oh no I lost my library book said Patti**
 - **I asked actually I begged my parents to let me get a puppy**