

Sentences end with a full-stop, a question mark, or an exclamation mark.

. This is a full-stop. **Most sentences end with a full-stop, like this one.**

! This is an exclamation mark. Exclamation marks show anger or surprise, or that somebody is shouting. **Mr Smith punched the policeman on the nose!**

? This is a question mark. If you ask a question, your sentence must end with a question mark. **Did you know that?**

Task 1

End each of the following sentences with the correct punctuation mark.

1. John was late home from work because the traffic had been terrible
2. As he walked towards his house, he had a feeling that something was wrong
3. Was he just being silly
4. As he opened the door, he thought he could smell something strange
5. John stood quietly in the doorway
6. He saw something on the floor
7. What could it be
8. Oh my goodness
9. It was a dead body
10. Nervously, John walked closer to the body

Swap you answers with a classmate and mark each other's work. If you got them all right move onto Task 3. If you need a little more practice, complete Task 2.

Task 2

End each sentence with the correct punctuation mark.

1. Where do polar bears actually live
2. Is it the North Pole or the South Pole
3. I don't suppose it matters, except to the bears
4. As long as they don't live in my house, I don't really mind
5. What would you do if there was a bear in your bedroom
6. I would shout, "Clear off bear, you don't live here "
7. And then I would probably run away

Task 3

This continues the story from Task 1. You have to decide where the sentences end, and put in the correct punctuation mark. To make it harder, the capital letters have been taken out, so make sure you use a capital letter after each full-stop, question mark or exclamation mark.

John walked over and looked at the body did he know this creature he was sure he did because the body looked very familiar he reached out his hand to touch the body it was cold and stiff; definitely dead John knew what he had to do taking a deep breath, he unlocked the door to the garage and found a spade once out in the garden, he began to dig after a few minutes he was happy with the hole prepared for the unpleasant task ahead, he returned to the house gently, he turned the body over and lovingly stroked the soft, black hair how would he tell the children that Sooty the cat had died

Task 4

Now it's your turn to take on the role of the teacher. A student has handed in this piece of writing with several mistakes. Put a ring around the mistakes. You should find at least five.

My Diary

On Friday I went to the swimming pool. with my family. It was an exciting day out? My dad drove us there and mum drove home while we were there, we all had a hot chocolate. I really like swimming and on Friday I swam four lengths! I was really pleased I am looking forward to going again soon. Do you like swimming.

Task 5

Now write your own paragraph, leaving out the punctuation. Swap your paragraphs with a classmate and add in the correct punctuation.