

END PUNCTUATION

PERIODS

Periods are used to end declarative and imperative sentences

Declarative sentences state facts and opinions

EX:

A whale is a mammal.

Imperative sentences give commands and indicate actions to be taken.

EX:

Grab those tools from the top shelf.

Notice how imperative sentences contain an implied YOU. As in our example: [You] Grab those tools from the top shelf. Just a note, this structure is considered by most language scholars to be active voice by default.

QUESTION MARKS

Question marks are used to end most interrogative sentences.

Interrogative Sentences are simply questions (that is, they ask questions).

EXCLAMATION POINTS

Question marks are used to end exclamatory sentences.

Exclamatory sentences indicate strong emotion and/or command to action.

EX:

Hello!

Eat this pie you rascal!

Watch out for the falling piano!

Danger, Will Robinson!