

Sentence Endings ! ?

When to use a period, an exclamation mark and a question mark.



Use a period to end a sentence. When your sentence comes to a stop and it's a complete sentence, you will end it with a period:

I like to play outside.

It has been raining all day.

Use a period when you are using abbreviations:

Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Tate

etc. i.e.,



Use the exclamation mark when you are referring to a very strong emotion. Use it when something is being expressed and you're very angry, very excited or very scared:

Dial 911 now!

I told you not to be late!



Use a question mark when you are looking for an answer. A question mark is always used when asking a question. It is always used at the end of a sentence that asks a direct question:

Will you please pass me the butter?

What time would you like me to pick you up?