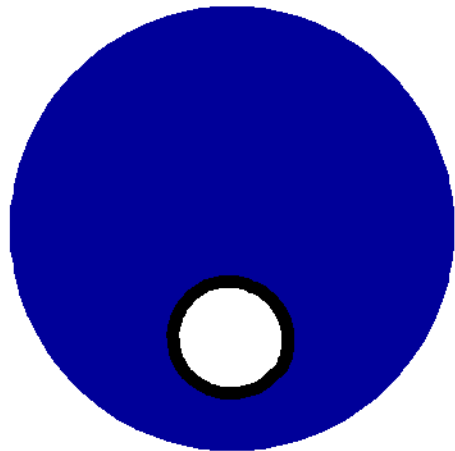
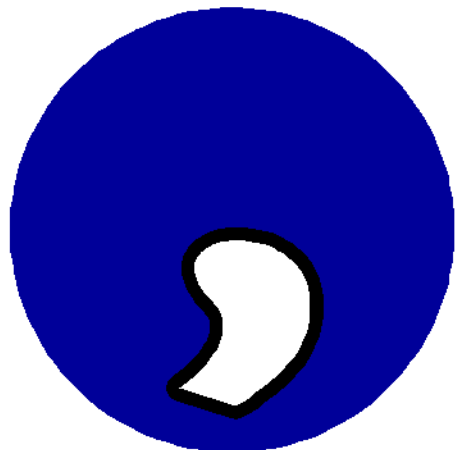


Punctuation



**full
stop**

Used at the end of a sentence or to show a word is abbreviated.



comma

Used to separate two or more nouns, to separate phrases or clauses or to separate direct speech.



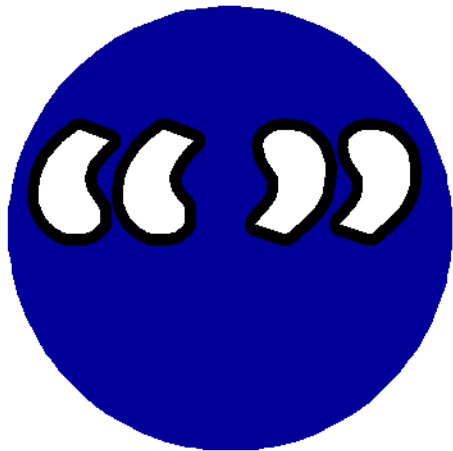
**question
mark**

Used at the end of a sentence that asks a question.



**exclamation
mark**

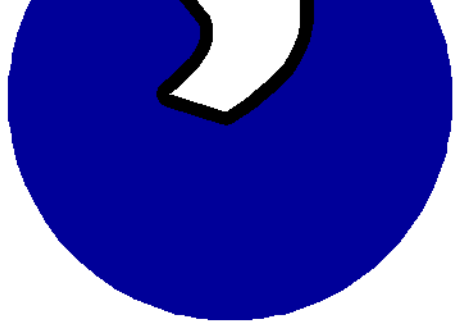
Used at the end of a sentence which expresses strong feeling.



**speech
marks**

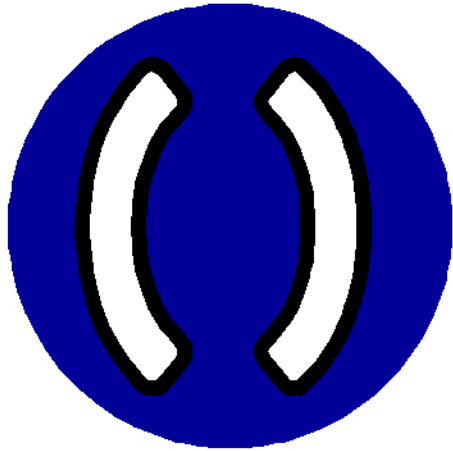
Show what is said.





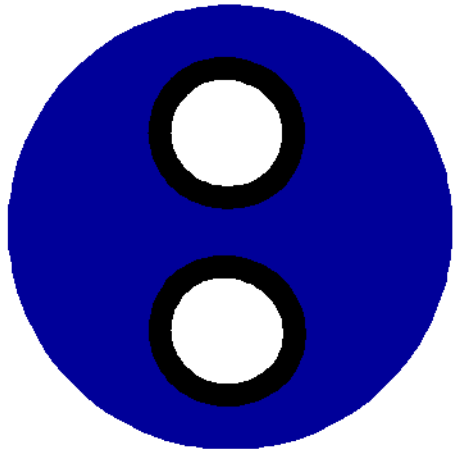
apostrophe

Used to form contractions or to indicate possession.



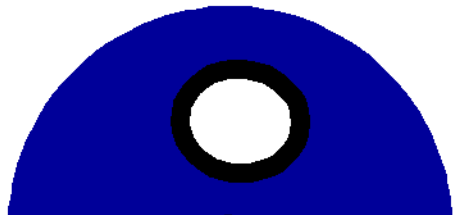
brackets

Separate off parts of a sentence or put in an extra example.



colon

Used to introduce a list, before someone speaks or instead of a full stop.



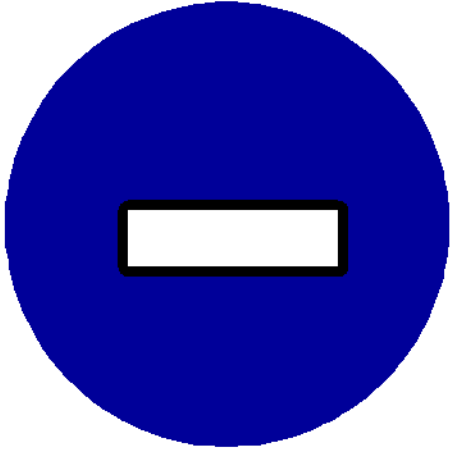
semi-

Used to separate parts of a sentence.



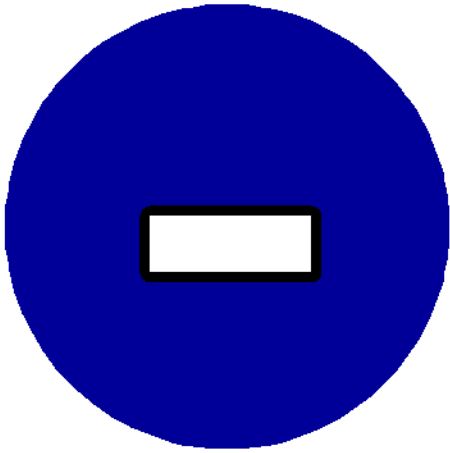
colon

It is stronger than a comma but not as strong as a full stop.



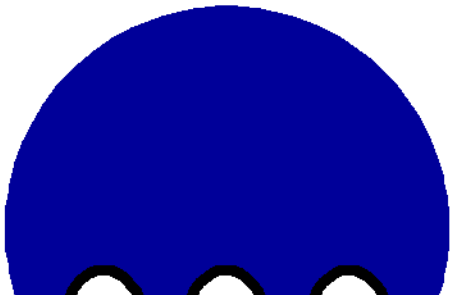
dash

Separates independent clauses



hyphen

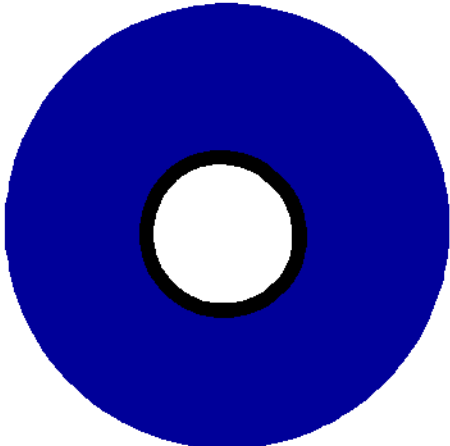
Creates compound adjectives



ellipsis

An ellipsis shows that words have been missed out

missed out.



Highlights points in a list.

