

Punctuation

<i>Name</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>When do you use it?</i>	<i>Example</i>
Full stop	.	At the end of a sentence	Tropical areas are wet and hot.
Question mark	?	At the end of a question	How much do you know about desert climates?
Exclamation mark	!	To show surprise	Polar areas can even be as cold as Mars!
Comma	,	To mark clauses	Although deserts are usually hot, they can also be cool.
Apostrophe	'	For missing letters	Most nomads don't stay in any one place for very long.
		For ownership	Britain's climate is temperate.
Speech marks	" speech "	When someone is talking (start a new line for each new speaker)	An Eskimo said "it is freezing where I live".
Brackets	()	For definitions	Some tropical areas are monsoonal (one wet and one dry season).
		To make a less important point	Precipitation (including snow and sleet) is rare.
Semi-colon	;	In place of a connective	Many animals are highly adapted; without these adaptations they wouldn't survive.
Colon	:	Before a list	Many Middle Eastern countries have desert areas: Iraq, Syria, Iran and Afghanistan.