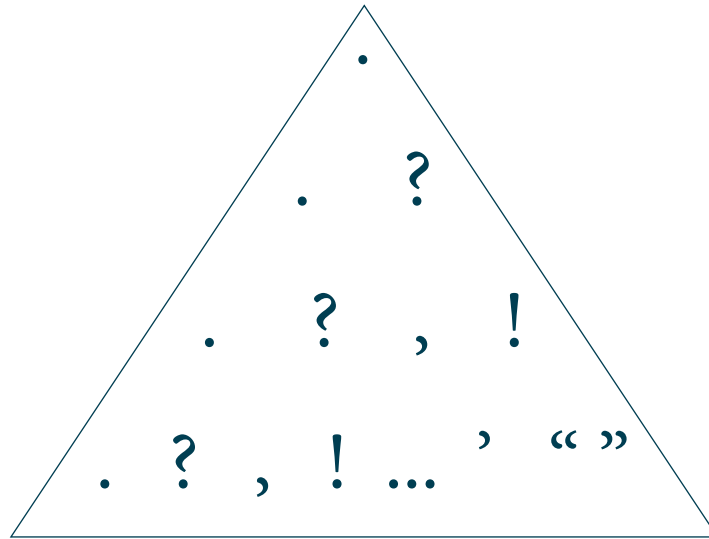


Use a Range of Punctuation

Good writing requires good punctuation.
Really interesting writing needs a range of different types of punctuation.



Full Stop	.	Ends any sentence that is not a question or a statement.
Question Mark	?	Indicates a question/expresses disbelief: ~ Who else will be there? ~ Is this really little Thomas?
Comma	,	Separates lists/phrases/words Separates sentence adverbs ('however', 'moreover') from the rest of the sentence
Exclamation Mark	!	Shows interjection/surprise/strong emotion ~ What a triumph! ~ I've just about had enough!
Ellipsis	...	Indicates that a word/words have been left out
The Apostrophe	'	Shows that letters have been left out. ~ I can't believe it! Shows possession ~ to show possession
Speech Marks	“ ”	Indicate quotes (evidence). Show direct speech. Indicates slang or foreign phrases.



Have a go...

Read the extract below from which all the punctuation has been removed. Add in the correct punctuation.

mr. jones of the manor farm had locked the hen-houses for the night but was too drunk to remember to shut the popholes with the ring of light from his lantern dancing from side to side he lurched across the yard kicked off his boots at the back door drew himself a last glass of beer from the barrel in the scullery and made his way up to bed where mrs. jones was already snoring

as soon as the light in the bedroom went out there was a stirring and a fluttering all through the farm buildings word had gone round during the day that old major the prize middle white boar had had a strange dream on the previous night and wished to communicate it to the other animals it had been agreed that they should all meet in the big barn as soon as mr. jones was safely out of the way old Major so he was always called though the name under which he had been exhibited was willingdon Beauty was so highly regarded on the farm that everyone was quite ready to lose an hours sleep in order to hear what he had to say

To check your answers read Animal Farm by George Orwell. Chapter 1

For more on using different types of punctuation go to:

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<http://www.thepunctuationguide.com/top-ten.html>