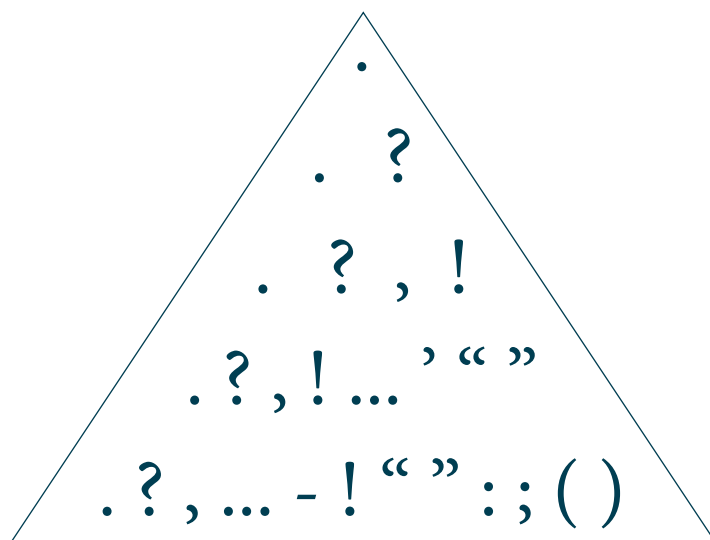


Use a Range of Punctuation

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



Full Stop . ~ end of a sentence that is not a question or statement.	Colon : ~ Introduces a list/dialogue/ definition.	Ellipsis ... ~ indicate that a word/words have been left out
Question Mark ? ~ Indicates a question/express disbelief: ~ Who else will be there? ~ Is this really little Thomas?	Semi-colon ; ~ Longer stop than a comma. ~ Show thoughts on either side of it are connected ~ separates items in a list	Comma , ~ separates lists/phrases/ words ~ sentence adverbs ever', 'moreover') from the rest of the sentence.
Exclamation Mark ! ~ Interjection/surprise/strong emotion ~ What a triumph! ~ I've just about had enough!	The Apostrophe ‘ ~ to show that letters have been left out. ~ to show possession	Speech Marks “ ” ~ indicate quotes (evidence). ~ direct speech ~ indicate slang or foreign phrases.
The Dash - ~ separates elements within a sentence – long, dramatic pause. ~ shows an interruption or hesitancy in speech	Brackets(Parenthesis) ~ Enclose separate information.	



Have a go...

All the punctuation has been removed from these novel openings. Read carefully then insert the punctuation.

Hale knew before he had been in Brighton three hours that they meant to murder him With his inky fingers and his bitten nails his manner cynical and nervous anybody could tell he didn't belong belong to the early summer sun the cool Whitsun wind off the sea the holiday crowd They came in by train from Victoria every five minutes rocked down Queens Road standing on the tops of the little local trams stepped off in bewildered multitudes into fresh and glittering air the new silver paint sparkled on the piers the cream houses ran away into the west like a pale Victorian water-colour a race in miniature motors a band playing flower gardens in bloom below the front an aeroplane advertising something for the health in pale vanishing clouds across the sky

*To check your answers read **Brighton Rock** by Graham Greene Chapter 1.*

You dont know about me without you have read a book by the name of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer but that aint no matter That book was made by Mr. Mark Twain and he told the truth mainly There was things which he stretched but mainly he told the truth That is nothing I never seen anybody but lied one time or another without it was Aunt Polly or the widow or maybe Mary Aunt Polly Toms Aunt Polly she is and Mary and the Widow Douglas is all told about in that book which is mostly a true book with some stretchers as I said before

*To check your answers read **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** by Mark Twain Chapter 1.*

If you really want to hear about it the first thing youll probably want to know is where I was born and what my lousy childhood was like and how my parents were occupied and all before they had me and all that David Copperfield kind of crap but I don't feel like going into it if you want to know the truth In the first place that stuff bores me and in the second place my parents would have about two haemorrhages apiece if I told anything pretty personal about them Theyre quite touchy about anything like that especially my father Theyre nice and all I'm not saying that but theyre also touchy as hell. Besides Im not going to tell you my whole goddam autobiography or anything Ill just tell you about this madman stuff that happened to me around last Christmas just before I got pretty run-down and had to come out here and take it easy I mean thats all I told D.B about and hes my brother and all Hes in Hollywood That isnt too far from this crumby place and he comes over and visits me practically every week end Hes going to drive me home when I go home next month maybe He just got a Jaguar One of those little English jobs that can do around two hundred miles an hour It cost him damn near four thousand bucks Hes got a lot of dough now He didnt use to He used to be just a regular writer when he was home He wrote this terrific book of short stories The Secret Goldfish in case you never heard of him The best one in it was The Secret Goldfish It was about this little kid that wouldnt let anybody look at his goldfish because hed bought it with his own money It killed me

*To check your answers read **The Catcher in the Rye** by J.D. Salinger Chapter 1.*

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