

Self-Starters: September 8-12

Principle - *Punctuation*

Directions: Copy down this chart.

3 Levels of Separation

Maximum			Medium				Minimum		
.	?	!	;	:	...	—	,	-	'
Period	Question Mark	Exclamation Point	Semicolon	Colon	Ellipsis	Dash	Comma	Hyphen	Apostrophe
Ends a sentence.	Indicates a question.	Excitement and extremes.	A soft period between sentences with linked ideas.	Indicates anticipation, like a drumroll.	Omission or hesitation.	A break in a thought, or an interruption.	Separates items in a list or phrases from clauses.	Joins two adjectives.	Possession, contraction or deletion.

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Directions: Practice using the punctuation marks that show a medium amount of separation.

With your elbow partner, write four sentences. Each sentence should use one of these marks correctly. DO NOT COPY MY EXAMPLES.

Medium			
;	:	. . .	—
Semicolon	Colon	Ellipsis	Dash
A soft period between sentences with linked ideas.	Indicates anticipation, like a drumroll.	Omission or hesitation.	A break in a thought, or an interruption.

Examples:

1. I like to use the semicolon; it acts like a comma and a coordinating conjunction.
2. The colon can introduce these things: peoples names, supplies, pets

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Directions: Practice using the punctuation marks that show a minimum amount of separation.

With your elbow partner, decide which marks belong in each circle to make the word or phrase correct. You need to write the completed phrase or sentence.

Minimum		
,	-	'
Comma	Hyphen	Apostrophe
Separates items in a list or phrases from clauses.	Joins two adjectives.	Possession, contraction or deletion.

1. My cat ○ Mittens ○ likes to sleep.
2. The uncomfortable ○ looking chair
3. The class ○ s moans
4. It ○ s going to snow!
5. Howdy y ○ all

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Directions: Practice using the punctuation marks that show a maximum amount of separation.

With your elbow partner, decide which marks belong in each circle to make the word or phrase correct. You need to write the completed phrase or sentence.

Maximum		
.	?	!
Period	Question Mark	Exclamation Point
Ends a sentence.	Indicates a question.	Excitement and extremes.

1. I can't wait for Halloween○
2. My dog is named Olive○
3. Who is on first○
4. How are y'all doing today○

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Punctuation Quiz

Directions: Remove everything from your desk but your self-starter paper and a pen or pencil. Write your answers to this quiz on the back or bottom of your self-starter paper. Double check that your name is in the top right corner.

Maximum Separation

1. Decide which end punctuation will complete this sentence.

The students shouted, "Grammar is so fun○"

- A. period (.)
 - B. question mark (?)
 - C. exclamation point (!)
2. Decide which end punctuation will complete this sentence.

When do you think the bell will ring○

- A. period (.)
- B. question mark (?)
- C. exclamation point (!)

Medium Separation

3. Decide which punctuation fits in the middle of this sentence.

My classes in school are these ○ PE, Math, Art, English, CTE, Physics, and Choir.

- A. semicolon (;)
- B. colon (:)
- C. ellipsis (. . .)
- D. dash (—)

4. Decide which punctuation fits in the middle of this sentence.

***"The directions are ○"
"Teacher, I have a question!"***

- A. semicolon (;)
- B. colon (:)
- C. ellipsis (. . .)
- D. dash (—)

Medium Separation

5. Decide which punctuation belongs in the middle of this sentence.
I like having second lunch ○ I like that I only have 3 classes in the afternoons.

write your answer: _____

6. Decide which punctuation belongs in the middle of this sentence.
All I heard was, "Ok class, today's lecture is on ○ and for tonights homework you need to write a summary of the lecture I just gave."

write your answer: _____

Minimum Separation

7. Decide which punctuation mark belongs in this phrase.

The noisy○ crowded○ and stinky halls

- A. comma (,)
- B. hyphen (-)
- C. apostrophe (')

8. Decide which punctuation mark belongs in this sentence.

Didn○t sleeping in today make y○all feel great?

- A. comma (,)
- B. hyphen (-)
- C. apostrophe (')

Minimum Separation

9. Decide which punctuation marks belong in this sentence.
**Remember that Snapchat is off○limits at school or
else you○ll get in trouble.**

write your answers: _____

10. Decide which punctuation marks belong in this sentence.
***Ms. Norr○s website reminded me that it○s almost
midterm.***

write your answers: _____

Attachments

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