

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to identify and use basic punctuation marks in sentences.

Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencil
- Legos or any building blocks
- Video game controller (pretend play)

No prior knowledge or materials are required for this lesson.

Activities

- Activity 1: Punctuation Lego Tower

Build a Lego tower with different colored blocks. Assign each color to a specific punctuation mark (e.g., red for period, blue for question mark). Take turns with your student adding a block to the tower while saying a sentence that requires that specific punctuation mark. For example, if the tower has a red block (period), the student can say, "I like to play video games." Encourage them to use the correct punctuation mark in their sentences.

- Activity 2: Video Game Dialogue

Pretend to play a video game with your student. Create a dialogue between two characters in the game. Write down the dialogue on paper, leaving out the punctuation marks. Together, read the dialogue and discuss where the punctuation marks should be placed. Let your student take turns adding the correct punctuation marks to the dialogue.

Kindergarten Grade Talking Points

- "Punctuation marks are special symbols we use in writing to help make our sentences clear and understandable."
- "A period (.) is a punctuation mark we use at the end of a sentence. It tells us when to stop."
- "A question mark (?) is a punctuation mark we use at the end of a sentence when we are asking a question."
- "An exclamation mark (!) is a punctuation mark we use at the end of a sentence when we want to show excitement or strong feelings."
- "Remember to use capital letters at the beginning of a sentence and proper nouns like names."
- "Using the right punctuation marks helps others understand what we mean when we write."