# PUNCTUATION

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# Terminal punctuation marks

- Full stop.
- Question mark?
- Exclamatory mark !

Full stop is used at the end of an assertive/declarative sentences and Imperative sentences. Example: I like mangoes.(Assertive)Imperative-Put it down.

- In abbreviations. Example: Ph.D, B.A, Co., Ltd.
- After titles say Mr., Mrs.
- After initials. Example. A.V.Rao

#### Question mark

- At the end of a question. e.g Why are you late?
- Not in reported speech. e.g. He asked me why I was late.
- Not in polite request.e.g. Would you mind to pass on this to him please.

#### Comma

- To give a short pause in a sentence.example: He woke up, bathed, had break fast and soon left.
- Apposition(When we did details to an existing one.)
- A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the former President of India was a statesman.
- ▶ To mark of the nominative of address.

Example: Sir, I cannot accept this.

#### Semicolon

Semicolon is for a longer pause.

Example: As Caesar loved me, I weep for him; as he was fortunate, I rejoice at it; as he is valiant, I honour him.

#### Colon

Colon is used when we list out something. example: You are required to bring the following items to the yoga camp:

- Yoga mat
- Bed sheet
- Drinking water
- Cap

### Capital Letter

- In the beginning of a sentence
- For proper nouns

Exclamatory mark

▶ To express a strong feeling. example: Wow! It is a beautiful painting. Prepared by
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