

Punctuation of statements and questions

Use a period at the end of a statement.

I go to the gym every morning.

Use a question mark at the end of a question.

What do I do to stay in shape?

Use an exclamation point at the end of a sentence if you want to indicate that something is funny or surprising.

The truth is I'm a couch potato!

period = .
question mark = ?
exclamation point = !
comma = ,

Remember:

Use commas to connect more than two ideas in a series.

I go to the gym, go running in the park, and go bike riding every weekend.

It's common, but not necessary, to use a comma before and or but when you connect two ideas.

I eat well, but I don't exercise.

- A** On a separate sheet of paper, rewrite each statement or question, using correct punctuation. Remember to begin each with a capital letter.

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| 1 I really don't have time to exercise | 5 my father never eats sweets but I do |
| 2 do you get enough sleep every night | 6 what do I do on weekends |
| 3 my friends think I exercise a lot but I don't | 7 my younger brothers eat junk food watch TV and stay up late every night |
| 4 we go running bike riding and swimming in the summer | 8 am I a couch potato |

- B** **Guidance for the Writing Exercise (on page 72)** Use the Ideas to write three questions with "I." Use these questions to introduce each topic in your description of your exercise and health habits. Be sure to check all your sentences and questions for correct punctuation.

What foods do I eat? I usually eat healthy foods during the week, but...

Ideas

- the foods you eat
- the foods you avoid
- your exercise routine