

PUNCTUATION: SENTENCES

- ∅ Two or more sentences written as though they were one sentence are hard to read. **Correct use of end punctuation and capital letters** will help you write better sentences.

Incorrect punctuation:

Sundials, water clocks, and hourglasses were the earliest timekeepers they were made from natural materials in the A.D. 1000s, mechanical clocks were invented in China.

Correct punctuation:

Sundials, water clocks, and hourglasses were the earliest **timekeepers**. **They** were made from natural materials in the A.D. 1000s, mechanical clocks were invented in China.

- ∅ A **comma (virgule) cannot be used as an end mark**. Two sentences separated by only a comma are incorrectly punctuated.

Incorrect punctuation:

Sundials tell time by measuring the angle of the shadow cast by the **sun**, **hourglasses** do not.

Correct punctuation:

Sundials tell time by measuring the angle of the shadow cast by the **sun**. **Hourglasses** do not.