

Introduction to Punctuation Part 2

Goal: This Directed Learning Activity is intended to introduce you to punctuation, and will help you become familiar with terms, definitions and applications of the concepts surrounding the topic.

Activities: This portion of the Directed Learning Activity is meant to be done independently. This portion will include activities such as exercises, games, Power Point presentations, and/or other lessons that show applications of the topic. You should print all materials used and take notes on anything you learn in this Directed Learning Activity.

1. Cut and paste the following link, then you will find a resource to help you identify and define the punctuation items listed below. You will write a definition for each in your own words, and will also give example sentences in which they are used correctly. Follow the instruction given by the site to obtain the definitions.

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/marks/marks.htm>

- a. Comma (,)

Example:

- b. Colon (:)

Example:

c. Semicolon (;)

Example:

d. Apostrophe (')

Example:

e. Quotation Marks (" ")

Example:

2. If you are still having trouble understanding what some of these punctuation marks are used for after you have written your definitions, cut and paste the following URL, which you may use to view specific PowerPoint presentations for the different types of punctuation.

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/powerpoint.htm>

3. Cut and paste the following URL for a website for Empire State College in New York. On this website you will do some of the exercises for Punctuation. Do exercises one, three, four and seven. Exercise four includes subject matter not yet covered, so do not worry too much if you are having trouble; however, be mindful of your use of colons.

http://www.esc.edu/ESOnline/Across_ESC/WritersComplex.nsf/wholeshortlinks2/Punctuation+Points+Menu

Review: With a tutor at the Writing Center, discuss the terms, their definitions and all of the examples you have written. Make sure to be clear about your understanding of the definitions, and the examples you have given. Clarity will be gauged by your use of specific terms you learned during the Activities portion of this Directed Learning Activity. **In order to pass this Directed Learning Activity, all of your above examples must be written correctly. This will be assessed by your Writing Center tutor.**