

Introduction to Punctuation Part 3

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 URL, 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:

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

- a. Hyphen (-)

Example:

- b. Dash (-- or –)

Example:

c. Parentheses (())

Example:

d. Ellipsis (...)

Example:

e. Slash (/)

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. Next, you will take some quizzes to test the skills you have acquired in punctuation.
 - a. Cut and paste the following URL:
http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm
 - b. Go to the heading:
Punctuation and Basic Mechanics
 - c. Do Punctuation Quiz III through Punctuation Quiz V.

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. Print out the results of the quizzes you completed. **In order to pass this Directed Learning Activity, you should have at least eighty-five percent correct on each quiz, and all of your above examples should be correct. This will be assessed by your Writing Center tutor.**