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# Happy National Punctuation Day

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The importance of punctuation marks is recognized all over the world. September 24 is celebrated as the National Punctuation Day to celebrate the importance of punctuation signs.

In writing, regardless of what language one is writing, punctuation marks help to make it more vivid what writer wants to express in their words. It is punctuation marks that differentiate a simple statement from a question and a question from an exclaiming sentence. The National Punctuation Day is devoted to celebrate the importance of punctuation marks as one keeps on writing.

There is no doubt that punctuation marks are a fundamental part of any written language. Although, many times, punctuation marks are not appreciated the way those should be, there is no denying of their importance in making sentences and words clearer and more proper in the meanings.

Punctuation mistakes can be one of the most annoying at school life. Punctuations give life and emotions to the writings. A punctuation mark can change and utter the meaning of words completely. From period to comma to semi-colon to colon to hyphen, all punctuation marks have their own meanings with their own interesting history.

The National Punctuation Day was very first celebrated in 2004. It was basically the idea of a publisher and former reporter, Jeff Robin. While talking to CNN about the idea of the National Punctuation Day, Robin said, "I would sit at the kitchen table with my red Sharpie ... screaming obscenities, which would upset my wife." He further added, "She encouraged me to find another outlet for my aggravation."

According to Robin, the main idea behind the National Punctuation Day is to educate children about the importance of punctuation marks.

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