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What's the point with a period?

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Tomorrow marks the celebration of a lost art; that being the proper use of punctuation, in the English language.

That's right, America celebrate's National Punctuation Day, on Sept.er 24.

Of, course with things such as, text messaging; and Twitter causing- the younger generation to totally, disregard correct punctuation; it's likely many readers are unaware of this momentous. celebration. Those who, are could probably care less

i have learned schools are teaching new math which is newer math than the new math they taught when they first began teaching new math but i did'nt realize punctuation and grammar were also knew i suppose schools could still be teaching proper punctuation and the problem lies with lazy people who are either not bothering to learn it or to use what they have learned

Before anyone gets the idea, I think I know everything allow me to tell you about an avid reader a few years back; I am sure this reader meant well and, had, the best intentions when he told me, "For someone who butchers the English language, your writing is pretty good."

I smiled thanked him and went on, my merry way:

When ranking reader feedback I've always placed that one right under the reader who said, 'You're no Lewis Grizzard but youre pretty good.'

Hey I take what i can get when it comes to compliments?

Correct punctuation is a powerful- tool when used properly It can lift an ordinary group of words inflect feeling and; give the sentence a whole new meaning,

One of the most, misused punctuation, marks, is the, comma. Some writers tend to overuse it as they write while others, almost, completely, ignore it. When used appropriately, and somewhere in the middle of the two the comma can be a powerful punctuation mark as well as a great device to separate numbers when moving from the hundreds to the thousands and so forth and so on.

National Punctuation Day was created by, Jeff Rubin, in 2,004 to encourage proper use of punctuation and spelling. Rubins vision for National Punctuation Day probably included things like, parades festivals and poetry recitals? So far the closest thing to a parade or festival on National Punctuation Day happened in 2,007 when the Gold-winger twins set up a lemonade stand on their front lawn in Kalamazoo: Michigan!

when asked how the lemonade stand best exemplified, National Punctuation Day, little emily Goldwinger said, "Huh?"

Since it's inception six years, ago, National Punctuation Day has been promoted by a variety of popular media types as well as Regis and Kelly, on their morning show. Lets face it if Regis and Kelly promote something it must be legitimate;

thats why Im on board with this worthy cause as well

If we, the journalists of, America ca'nt use correct punctuation then who can. I'll tell you who. Jeff Rubin. in fact he may be the only one,

But thats not the point here, the point is punctuation is important- because it defines our language and aids in showing feeling and intent:

or is that content but we're not talking about grammar here were talking about punctuation are'nt we.

In closing I would like to encourage everyone reading these words to use correct punctuation on sept. 24. we can always go back to butchering the English language the other 364 days in the year; period