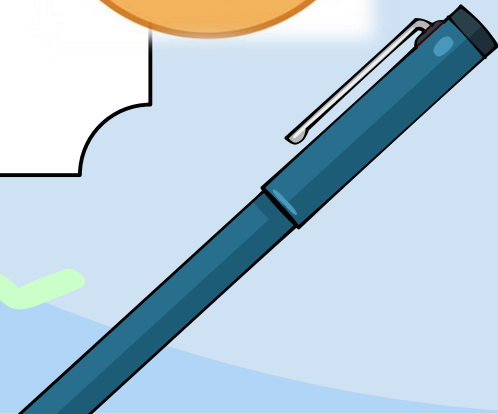
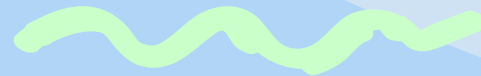




FULL
STOPS



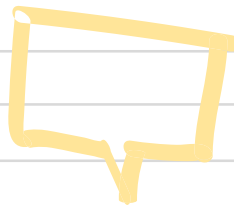


- To learn how and when to use a full stop
- To begin to punctuate sentences using a full stop



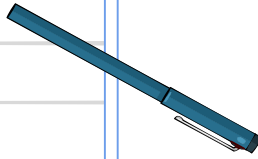


A full stop, also known as a period in American English, is used to mark the end of a sentence.



You put a period at the end of a sentence.

A full stop is mostly used at the end of a declarative sentence, or a statement that is considered to be complete.



He drew a horse



Albert is my good friend.

Please don't be late.

The bird is sitting on a branch.

It's snowing heavily today.

There's a rainbow in the sky.

This big house belongs to a rich man.

I can swim.

Ethan is good at drawing.

**When to
Use
a Full
Stop**



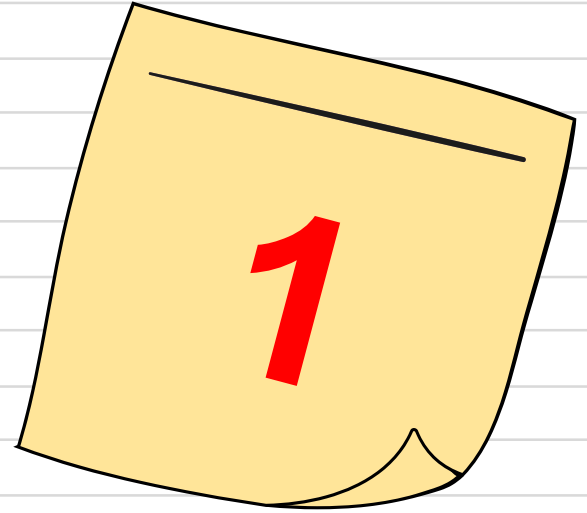
We use a full stop at the end of a declarative sentence.

Examples:

There is no place like home.

Your writing is hard to read.

It was the start of the holidays and the sun was shining brightly.





We use the period
punctuation after titles in
American English.

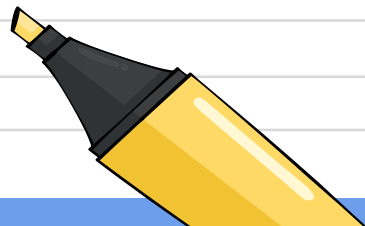
Examples:

- *Mr., Mrs., Dr., Sr.,...*

Are you Ms. Tanaka?

*Ms. Kane, this is Mr. Sato, my
boss.*

Dr. Smith instructs us in botany.

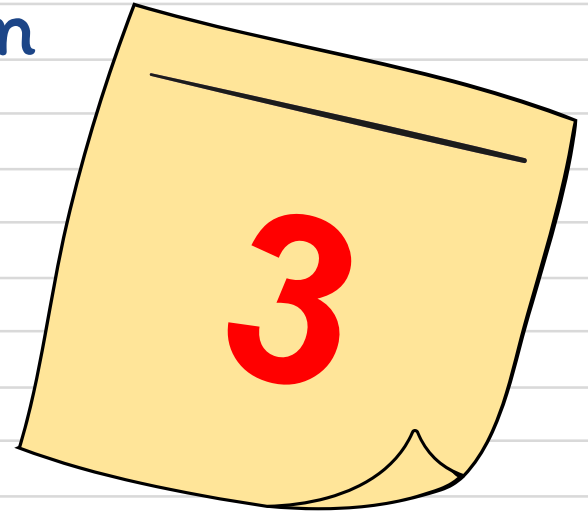


»» We use the full stop in numbers. A full stop used in a number is also called a decimal point.

Examples:

The average price of goods rose by just 2.2%.

\$10.43 = ten dollars and 43 cents



The full stop is used
following an abbreviation.

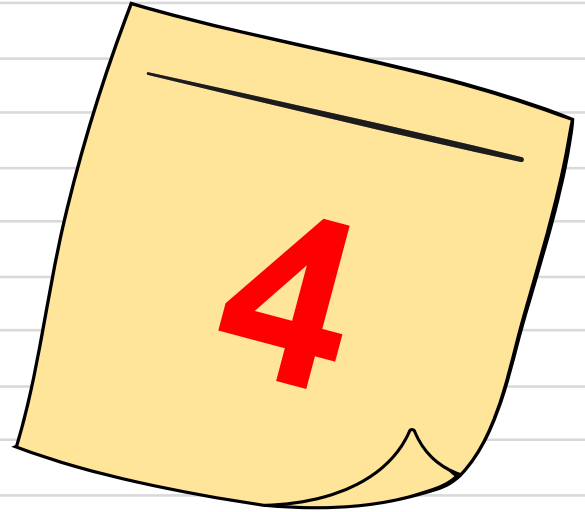
Examples:

approx.: *Approximately*

etc.: *And so on*

i.e.: *That is, that means, in other words*

- *I will arrive between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m.*
- *We are coming on Fri., Jan. 4.*



Exercise. Here are some sentences/passages that do not make sense because they have no full stops. Rewrite the sentences, putting them in.

1. The horse galloped down the street something had frightened him
2. Our dog saw a cat he chased it the cat was too fast for him
3. Once upon a time there lived a wicked giant he was very cruel he terrified the whole village
4. The children ran they shouted loudly no one heard them
5. My little brother went into the field there were cows and sheep grazing there they belonged to farmer giles we often spoke to him he was a kind, friendly man

CLUE: Watch out in the exercise as there are some capital letters missing as well.

