

## Punctuation

- Read a page of text aloud, with obvious pausing at periods and commas to separate sentences and clauses.
- Then, read a few sentences with no pausing at periods and commas (without losing your breath!) to show how hard this can make it to follow along when there is no pausing.
- Exaggerate the difference between pauses at commas (short), and pauses at periods or exclamation marks (longer).
- Mention that pauses aren't always signalled by punctuation, but the phrase might need a pause anyway. This can happen between units of sentences. For example, in the sentence, "The cat sat on the mat in the garden," there can be a pause between "on the mat" and "in the garden," to make the meaning clearer.

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