



Periods

The period has three primary functions:

- 1) To show that a sentence has ended
 - 2) To show that an abbreviation has ended
 - 3) As a decimal point
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1) To show that a sentence has ended

Example: We are going to the mall today.

Directions: Use periods to show that the following *sentences have ended*.

- 1) I must get a new car soon
- 2) If we don't get some milk, we will not be able to eat our cereal

2) To show that an abbreviation has ended

Example: We are shopping on State St. today.

Note: use only one period to end a sentence.

Directions: Use periods to show that the following *abbreviations have ended*.

- 1) I want to move to Boulder, CO when I get older.
- 2) Today is Oct 6th 2007.

3) As a decimal point

Example: The shoes cost \$42.99.

Directions: Use periods as a *decimal point* in the following sentences.

- 1) The dentist charges \$6200 for an office visit.
- 2) The baby weighed 72 pounds at birth.