



# 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 \$62.00 for an office visit.
- 2) The baby weighed 7.2 pounds at birth.