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Full stop seen as rude in text messages

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190817-full-stop-1.html>

A language expert says ending sentences with a full stop can look rude. In American English, a full stop is called a period. The expert said younger people who use messaging apps prefer to send a completely new message instead of ending a sentence with a full stop. She said: "If you're a young person and you're sending a message to someone, the default way to break up your thoughts is to send each thought as a new message."

The full stop is 2,300 years old. It is necessary in writing. Teachers use red ink if a student forgets the full stop. Technology is changing how we write. Most people now use abbreviations, emojis or emoticons :-). People use 'LOL' instead of 'laugh out loud,' or the abbreviation 'fyi' rather than 'for your information'. Not using the full stop in text messages saves time. The expert said a full stop can also make the writer look a little angry.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-49182824>
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/tech/9630409/whatsapp-full-stops-rude-text-meaning/>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-7309543/Internet-linguist-reveals-using-stops-text-messages-make-look-passive-aggressive.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190817-full-stop-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a language | a. is called a period |
| 2. ending sentences | b. to someone |
| 3. In American English, a full stop | c. new message |
| 4. messaging | d. way |
| 5. prefer to send a completely | e. expert |
| 6. sending a message | f. a new message |
| 7. the default | g. with a full stop |
| 8. send each thought as | h. apps |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Teachers use red | a. time |
| 2. Technology is changing | b. of 'laugh out loud' |
| 3. use abbreviations, emojis | c. a little angry |
| 4. use 'LOL' instead | d. or emoticons |
| 5. 'fyi' rather than | e. in text messages |
| 6. Not using the full stop | f. how we write |
| 7. saves | g. 'for your information' |
| 8. make the writer look | h. ink |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190817-full-stop-1.html>

A language (1) _____ sentences with a full stop can look rude. In American English, a full stop is called a period. The expert said younger people who (2) _____ prefer to send a completely new message (3) _____ a sentence with a full stop. She said: "If you're (4) _____ and you're sending a message to someone, (5) _____ to break up your thoughts is to send (6) _____ a new message."

The full stop is 2,300 years old. It is (7) _____. Teachers use (8) _____ a student forgets the full stop. Technology is changing (9) _____. Most people now use abbreviations, emojis or emoticons :-). People use 'LOL' instead of (10) '_____', or the abbreviation 'fyi' rather than 'for your information'. Not using the full stop in text (11) _____. The expert said a full stop can also make the writer look (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190817-full-stop-1.html>

A language expert says sending sentences with a full stop can look rude. In American English, a full stop is called a period. The expert said younger people who use messaging apps prefer to send a completely new message instead of ending a sentence with a full stop. She said: "If you're a young person and you're sending a message to someone, the default way to break up your thoughts is to send each thought as a new message." The full stop is 2,300 years old. It is necessary in writing. Teachers used to say if a student forgets the full stop, technology is changing how we write. Most people now use abbreviations, emojis and emoticons: -) People use 'LOL' instead of 'laugh out loud', or the abbreviation 'fyi' rather than 'for your information'. Not using the full stop in text messages saves time. The expert said a full stop can also make the writer look a little angry.

THE FULL STOP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190817-full-stop-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the full stop in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

