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Full stop seen as rude in text messages

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THE ARTICLE

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

A language expert says using a full stop to end sentences in text messages can look rude. A full stop is used in British English; in American English, this punctuation mark is called a period. Linguist Gretchen McCulloch says more and more people think ending messages with a full stop is rude. She said this view is most common in younger people who use instant messaging apps like Twitter and Facebook Messenger. Ms McCulloch said people 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 dates back around 2,300 years. It is an essential part of writing today. School teachers can put lots of comments in red ink on a student's writing if that student forgets to add the full stop at the end of his or her sentence. However, technology is changing the way we write. Most people now use abbreviations or acronyms in text messages. They might use the acronym 'LOL' instead of writing 'laugh out loud,' or the abbreviation 'fyi' rather than typing 'for your information'. Ms McCulloch says not using the full stop helps the writer save time. She also says that a full stop can make the writer look a little aggressive. Many people prefer to end a sentence with an emoji or emoticon instead of a full stop :-)

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>

WARM-UPS

1. THE FULL STOP: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the full stop. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

language / expert / text messages / punctuation / Twitter / Facebook / full stop / send essential / writing / sentence / technology / abbreviations / emojis / information / LOL

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. WRITING: Students A **strongly** believe writing is very important and should be done properly; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PUNCTUATION: What is the name of these punctuation marks? What do you know about them? How important are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Name	What I Know	Importance
.			
?			
!			
;			
" "			
,			

5. TEXT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "text". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. EMOJIS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most useful emojis at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- smiley face
- wink
- heart
- waving hand
- chocolate
- sun
- being sick
- headphones

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. expert | a. Like one thing or person better than another or others. |
| 2. punctuation | b. Cause something to separate into pieces, parts, or sections. |
| 3. view | c. A person who knows a lot about a particular subject or is very, very good at doing something. |
| 4. common | d. The marks, such as period, comma, question mark, etc. used in writing to separate sentences and help meaning. |
| 5. prefer | e. Occurring, happening found, or done often. |
| 6. default | f. The usual or standard way. |
| 7. break up | g. A way of thinking; an opinion. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. date back | h. Ready or likely to attack or confront someone. |
| 9. essential | i. The first letters of other words pronounced as a word (e.g. NASA, UNESCO, SCUBA, etc.). |
| 10. ink | j. A shortened form of a word. |
| 11. abbreviation | k. Have its origin at a particular time; have existed since. |
| 12. acronyms | l. A small digital image or icon used to show an idea, emotion. |
| 13. aggressive | m. Absolutely necessary; extremely important. |
| 14. emoji | n. A colored liquid used for writing, drawing, printing, or photocopying. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said a teacher commented on the use of full stops in texts. **T / F**
- b. The word full stop in American English is 'period'. **T / F**
- c. Younger people are less likely to use a full stop when texting. **T / F**
- d. Young people tend to send a new message rather than use a full stop. **T / F**
- e. The full stop is about 230 years old. **T / F**
- f. The acronym LOL means 'lots of learning'. **T / F**
- g. The abbreviation 'fyi' means 'for your information'. **T / F**
- h. Very few people end a sentence with an emoji or emoticon. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. expert | a. finishing |
| 2. rude | b. like better |
| 3. ending | c. totally |
| 4. completely | d. important |
| 5. default | e. in place of |
| 6. essential | f. specialist |
| 7. changing | g. pushy |
| 8. instead of | h. transforming |
| 9. aggressive | i. bad-mannered |
| 10. prefer | j. automatic |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. A language | a. ink |
| 2. this punctuation mark | b. new message |
| 3. this view is most common | c. a new message |
| 4. people prefer to send a completely | d. or emoticon |
| 5. send each thought as | e. acronyms |
| 6. The full stop dates back | f. is called a period |
| 7. red | g. writing 'laugh out loud' |
| 8. Most people now use abbreviations or | h. expert |
| 9. use the acronym 'LOL' instead of | i. around 2,300 years |
| 10. end a sentence with an emoji | j. in younger people |

GAP FILL

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

A language (1) _____ says using a full stop to end sentences in text messages can look rude. A full stop is used in British English; in American English, this (2) _____ mark is called a (3) _____. Linguist Gretchen McCulloch says more and more people think (4) _____ messages with a full stop is rude. She said this view is most (5) _____ in younger people who use instant messaging apps like Twitter and Facebook Messenger. Ms McCulloch said people (6) _____ 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 (7) _____ way to break up your thoughts is to send each (8) _____ as a new message."

period
default
expert
thought
common
punctuation
ending
prefer

The full stop dates back around 2,300 years. It is an (9) _____ part of writing today. School teachers can put lots of (10) _____ in red ink on a student's writing if that student forgets to (11) _____ the full stop at the end of his or her sentence. However, technology is changing the way we write. Most people now use abbreviations or (12) _____ in text messages. They might use the acronym 'LOL' instead of writing 'laugh out loud,' or the abbreviation 'fyi' rather than (13) _____ 'for your information'. Ms McCulloch says not using the full stop helps the writer save (14) _____. She also says that a full stop can make the writer look a little (15) _____. Many people prefer to end a sentence with an emoji or emoticon (16) _____ of a full stop :-)

acronyms
time
essential
instead
add
aggressive
comments
typing

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A language expert says using a full stop to end sentences in text messages _____
 - a. can look rudely
 - b. can look crude
 - c. can look crudely
 - d. can look rude
- 2) A full stop is used in British English; in American English, this punctuation mark is _____
 - a. called a periodical
 - b. called a peer rod
 - c. called a period
 - d. called a pea read
- 3) this view is most common in younger people who use instant _____
 - a. messaging naps
 - b. message in naps
 - c. message in apps
 - d. messaging apps
- 4) Ms McCulloch said people prefer to send a completely new _____
 - a. message in stead
 - b. messaging stead
 - c. message instead
 - d. message in instead
- 5) the default way to break up your thoughts is to send each thought _____ message
 - a. as a new
 - b. as anew
 - c. as a knew
 - d. as a newt
- 6) The full stop dates back around 2,300 years. It is an _____ writing
 - a. essential part off
 - b. essential parts of
 - c. essential part of
 - d. essentially part of
- 7) School teachers can put lots of comments _____
 - a. in read dink
 - b. in red ink
 - c. inner dink
 - d. in reading
- 8) They might use the acronym 'LOL' instead of writing '_____'
 - a. laugh out laugh
 - b. laugh out lead
 - c. laugh out aloud
 - d. laugh out loud
- 9) Ms McCulloch says not using the full stop helps the writer _____
 - a. save times
 - b. save time
 - c. save timed
 - d. save thyme
- 10) Many people prefer to end a sentence with an _____
 - a. emoji or emotion
 - b. emotion or emoticon
 - c. emoji or emoticon
 - d. emoji or emotion con

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The full stop dates back around 2,300 years. It is (7) _____ of writing today. School teachers can put lots of comments (8) _____ on a student's writing if that student forgets to add the full stop at the end of his or her sentence. However, technology is changing the way we write. Most people now use abbreviations (9) _____ text messages. They might use the acronym 'LOL' instead of writing (10) '_____', or the abbreviation 'fyi' rather than typing (11) '_____'. Ms McCulloch says not using the full stop helps the writer save time. She also says that a full stop can make the writer look a little aggressive. Many people prefer to end a sentence with an emoji (12) _____ of a full stop :-)

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. Who said using a full stop to end sentences in text messages was rude?
2. What is a full stop called in American English?
3. What kind of apps do younger people use?
4. What two apps were mentioned in the article?
5. What do younger people send instead of using a full stop?
6. How old is the full stop?
7. What can teachers put on students' writing?
8. What does the acronym 'LOL' mean?
9. What does the abbreviation 'fyi' mean?
10. What do many people end a sentence with instead of a full stop?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Who said using a full stop to end sentences in text messages was rude?
 - a) a language expert
 - b) a writer
 - c) a teacher
 - d) a student
- 2) What is a full stop called in American English?
 - a) a dot
 - b) a boomer
 - c) a period
 - d) a circle
- 3) What kind of apps do younger people use?
 - a) news apps
 - b) apps with video
 - c) apps to find love
 - d) instant messaging apps
- 4) What two apps were mentioned in the article?
 - a) WhatsApp and Instagram
 - b) Twitter and Facebook Messenger
 - c) Netflix and Amazon
 - d) Spotify and YouTube
- 5) What do younger people send instead of using a full stop?
 - a) a new message
 - b) a letter
 - c) an e-mail
 - d) love
- 6) How old is the full stop?
 - a) less than 2,300 years old
 - b) just over 2,300 years old
 - c) exactly 2,300 years old
 - d) about 2,300 years old
- 7) What can teachers put on students' writing?
 - a) capital letters
 - b) gold stars
 - c) red ink
 - d) advice
- 8) What does the acronym 'LOL' mean?
 - a) live on land
 - b) laugh out loud
 - c) lots of love
 - d) love of learning
- 9) What does the abbreviation 'fyi' mean?
 - a) from your idol
 - b) full yummy ice
 - c) for your information
 - d) four years in
- 10) What do many people end a sentence with instead of a full stop?
 - a) a sigh
 - b) an emoji
 - c) a cross
 - d) an exclamation mark

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Smiley Face

You think the smiley face emoji is the most useful emoji. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their emojis. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): wink, heart or chocolate.

Role B – Wink

You think the wink emoji is the most useful emoji. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their emojis. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): smiley face emoji, heart or chocolate.

Role C – Heart

You think the heart emoji is the most useful emoji. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their emojis. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): wink, smiley face emoji or chocolate.

Role D – Chocolate

You think the chocolate emoji is the most useful emoji. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their emojis. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): wink, heart or smiley face emoji.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'full' and 'stop'.

full	stop

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• expert• mark• linguist• instant• young• each	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• dates• red• changing• loud• time• emoji
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THE FULL STOP SURVEY

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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.

THE FULL STOP DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'full stop'?
3. What do you think of punctuation in English?
4. Are you good at using punctuation?
5. Is not using a full stop rude?
6. Do you prefer the word 'full stop' or 'period'?
7. Are older people better at writing?
8. Is it important to use punctuation in text messages?
9. What is punctuation like in your language?
10. What is the full stop for?

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THE FULL STOP DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'punctuation'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important is punctuation?
15. What is the most difficult think about punctuation?
16. How do you feel when a teacher puts lots of red ink on your work?
17. Do we really need capital letters?
18. Is an emoticon better than a full stop?
19. What do you think about emojis and emoticons?
20. What questions would you like to ask the language expert?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The full stop dates (7) _____ around 2,300 years. It is an essential part of writing today. School teachers can put lots of comments (8) _____ red ink on a student's writing if that student forgets to add the full stop at the end of his or her sentence. However, technology is (9) _____ the way we write. Most people now use abbreviations or acronyms in text messages. They might use the acronym 'LOL' instead of writing 'laugh out loud,' or the abbreviation (10) _____ rather than typing 'for your information'. Ms McCulloch says not using the full stop helps the writer (11) _____ time. She also says that a full stop can make the writer look a little aggressive. Many people prefer (12) _____ end a sentence with an emoji or emoticon instead of a full stop :-)

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) expert | (b) expertise | (c) experts | (d) expat |
| 2. | (a) time | (b) interval | (c) period | (d) gap |
| 3. | (a) scenery | (b) outlook | (c) view | (d) sight |
| 4. | (a) prompt | (b) sudden | (c) immediate | (d) instant |
| 5. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) by | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) transfer | (b) send | (c) ship | (d) distribute |
| 7. | (a) before | (b) passed | (c) past | (d) back |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) at | (d) up |
| 9. | (a) changed | (b) change | (c) changing | (d) changes |
| 10. | (a) dry | (b) fry | (c) DIY | (d) fyi |
| 11. | (a) rescue | (b) put aside | (c) harvest | (d) save |
| 12. | (a) by | (b) to | (c) at | (d) of |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. A language rpeext
2. this tnocinupuat mark is called a period
3. this view is most commno in younger people
4. sitntna messaging apps
5. ending a cneesten with a full stop
6. the ealtufd way

Paragraph 2

7. an eeiasnslt part of writing today
8. lots of mmotnesc in red ink
9. ocehtgonyl is changing the way we write
10. people now use abbreviations or amonycrs
11. make the writer look a little egirsvsaeg
12. an emoji or oemtoicn

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () add the full stop at the end of his or her sentence. However, technology is changing the way we write. Most people now
- () teachers can put lots of comments in red ink on a student's writing if that student forgets to
- () aggressive. Many people prefer to end a sentence with an emoji or emoticon instead of a full stop :-)
- () out loud,' or the abbreviation 'fyi' rather than typing 'for your information'. Ms McCulloch says not using the full stop helps
- () use abbreviations or acronyms in text messages. They might use the acronym 'LOL' instead of writing 'laugh
- () The full stop dates back around 2,300 years. It is an essential part of writing today. School
- () apps like Twitter and Facebook Messenger. Ms McCulloch said people prefer to send a completely new message instead
- () is used in British English; in American English, this punctuation mark is called a
- () message to someone, the default way to break up your thoughts is to send each thought as a new message."
- () a full stop is rude. She said this view is most common in younger people who use instant messaging
- (**1**) A language expert says using a full stop to end sentences in text messages can look rude. A full stop
- () period. Linguist Gretchen McCulloch says more and more people think ending messages with
- () the writer save time. She also says that a full stop can make the writer look a little
- () of ending a sentence with a full stop. She said: "If you're a young person and you're sending a

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. to A text end in sentences stop messages . full
2. punctuation call Americans this period . a mark
3. younger in view This is common most people .
4. a to new People send prefer completely message .
5. thoughts . your to default way break up The
6. 2,300 around years . full back The stop dates
7. It essential writing today . is part an of
8. lots comments Teachers of put red in ink .
9. changing technology However, the is write . we way
10. a to People end sentence emoticons . with prefer

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A language expert says using a full stop to *send / end* sentences in text messages can look *rude / rudely*. A full stop is used in British English; in American English, this punctuation mark is called a *period / interval*. Linguist Gretchen McCulloch says *more / most* and more people think ending messages with a full stop is rude. She said this view is most *commonly / common* in younger people who use *instance / instant* messaging apps like Twitter and Facebook Messenger. Ms McCulloch said people *prefer / rather* to send a completely new message instead *of / for* ending a sentence with a full stop. She said: "If you're a young person and you're sending a message to *no one / someone*, the default way to break up your thoughts is to send each *thought / think* as a new message."

The full stop dates *past / back* around 2,300 years. It is an *essential / key* part of writing today. School teachers can put *many / lots* of comments in red ink on a student's writing if that student forgets to add the full stop at the end of his or *her / their* sentence. However, technology is changing the way we *writing / write*. Most people now use abbreviations or acronyms in text messages. They might use *a / the* acronym 'LOL' instead of writing 'laugh out loud,' or the *abbreviation / abbreviate* 'fyi' rather than typing 'for your information'. Ms McCulloch says not using the full stop helps the writer *save / saving* time. She also says that a full stop can make the writer look a little *aggression / aggressive*. Many people prefer to end a sentence with an emoji or emoticon instead of a *full / fully* stop :-)

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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A l_n g__ g_ _x p_r t s_y s _s_n g _ f_l l s t_p t_ _n
d s_n t_n c_s _n t_x t m_s s_g_s c_n l__ k r_d_.
A f_l l s t_p _s _s_d _n B r_t_s h E n g l_s h; _n
A m_r_c_n E n g l_s h, t_h_s p_n c t__ t__ n m_r k _s
c_l l_d _ p_r__ d. L_n g__ s t G r_t c h_n M c C_l l_c
h s_y s m_r_ _n d m_r_ p__ p l_ t_h_n k _n d_n g
m_s s_g_s w_t h _ f_l l s t_p _s r_d_. S_h_ s__ d
t_h_s v__ w _s m_s t c_m m_n _n y__ n_g_r p__ p
l_ w_h_ s_ _n s t_n t m_s s_g_n g _p p s l_k_ T w_t
t_r _n d F_c_b__ k M_s s_n g_r. M_s M c C_l l_c h
s__ d p__ p l_ p_r_f_r t_ s_n d _ c_m p l_t_l y _n_w
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

a language expert says using a full stop to end sentences in text messages can look rude a full stop is used in british english in american english this punctuation mark is called a period linguist gretchen mcculloch says more and more people think ending messages with a full stop is rude she said this view is most common in younger people who use instant messaging apps like twitter and facebook messenger ms mcculloch said people prefer to send a completely new message instead of ending a sentence with a full stop she said if youre a young person and youre 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 dates back around 2300 years it is an essential part of writing today school teachers can put lots of comments in red ink on a students writing if that student forgets to add the full stop at the end of his or her sentence however technology is changing the way we write most people now use abbreviations or acronyms in text messages they might use the acronym lol instead of writing laugh out loud or the abbreviation fyi rather than typing for your information ms mcculloch says not using the full stop helps the writer save time she also says that a full stop can make the writer look a little aggressive many people prefer to end a sentence with an emoji or emoticon instead of a full stop)

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A language expert says using a full stop to end sentences in text messages can look rude. A full stop is used in British English; in American English, this punctuation mark is called a period. Linguist Gretchen McCulloch says more and more people think ending messages with a full stop is rude. She said this view is most common in younger people who use instant messaging apps like Twitter and Facebook Messenger. Ms McCulloch said people 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 dates back around 2,300 years. It is an essential part of writing today. School teachers can put lots of comments in red ink on a student's writing if that student forgets to add the full stop at the end of his or her sentence. However, technology is changing the way we write. Most people now use abbreviations or acronyms in text messages. They might use the acronym 'LOL' instead of writing 'laugh out loud', or the abbreviation 'fyi' rather than typing 'for your information'. Ms McCulloch says not using the full stop helps the writers save time. She also says that a full stop can make the writer look a little aggressive. Many people prefer to end a sentence with an emoji or emoticon instead of a full stop: -)

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE FULL STOP: Make a poster about the full stop. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PUNCTUATION: Write a magazine article about punctuation being taught more in schools. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the full stop. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on punctuation. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. a 3. c 4. e 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e F f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. expert | a. specialist |
| 2. rude | b. bad-mannered |
| 3. ending | c. finishing |
| 4. completely | d. totally |
| 5. default | e. automatic |
| 6. essential | f. important |
| 7. changing | g. transforming |
| 8. instead of | h. in place of |
| 9. aggressive | i. pushy |
| 10. prefer | j. like better |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A language expert / linguist
2. A period
3. Instant messaging apps
4. Twitter and Facebook Messenger
5. A new message
6. Around 2,300 years old
7. Red ink
8. Laugh out loud
9. For your information
10. An emoji or emoticon

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A full stop to end sentences in text messages.
2. Americans call this punctuation mark a period.
3. This view is most common in younger people.
4. People prefer to send a completely new message.
5. The default way to break up your thoughts.
6. The full stop dates back around 2,300 years.
7. It is an essential part of writing today.
8. Teachers put lots of comments in red ink.
9. However, technology is changing the way we write.
10. People prefer to end a sentence with emoticons.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. d 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)