

# Language Usage ISAT: Conventions of Punctuation

## Skills: Other Punctuation Marks

Students:

### RIT Above 231:

- Recognizes correct usage of apostrophes
- Uses a colon to introduce a list
- Uses a colon between a title and a subtitle
- Uses a dash to indicate a sudden break in a sentence
- Uses a dash to set off an introductory series
- Uses a dash to set off parenthetical material
- Uses a dash to indicate interrupted speech
- Uses a dash for emphasis
- Uses a hyphen to prevent confusion with prefixes or suffixes
- Uses a hyphen to form an adjective
- Uses a semicolon to join two or more closely related independent clauses
- Uses a semicolon to separate groups of words that already contain commas
- Uses ellipses in written compositions

Students:

### RIT 221-230:

- Identifies correct usage of apostrophes in plural possessives
- Recognizes correct usage of apostrophes
- Uses a colon between a title and a subtitle
- Uses a dash to indicate a sudden break in a sentence
- Uses a dash to set off an introductory series
- Uses a dash to set off parenthetical material
- Uses a dash to indicate interrupted speech
- Uses a dash for emphasis
- Recognizes correct usage of quotation marks and ending punctuation within quotations
- Uses quotation marks to punctuate appropriate titles
- Uses a hyphen to prevent confusion with prefixes or suffixes
- Uses a hyphen to form an adjective
- Uses underlining (italics) for appropriate titles
- Uses a semicolon to join two or more closely related independent clauses
- Uses a semicolon to separate groups of words that already contain commas
- Uses ellipses in written compositions

Students:

### RIT 211-220:

- Identifies correct usage of apostrophes in plural possessives
- Recognizes correct usage of apostrophes in contractions
- Recognizes correct usage of apostrophes in singular possessives
- Recognizes correct usage of apostrophes in plural possessives
- Uses a colon in business letter salutations
- Uses a colon correctly
- Uses periods for initials, abbreviations, and titles
- Uses quotation marks with dialogue
- Recognizes correct usage of quotation marks to punctuate dialogue
- Uses quotation marks with titles of poems, song titles, and titles of chapters
- Uses a hyphen to divide words between syllables at the end of a line
- Uses a hyphen to make compound words
- Uses underlining (italics) in titles of books
- Uses underlining (italics) in titles of television programs and films
- Uses underlining (italics) in titles of magazines and newspapers
- Uses a semicolon before a conjunctive adverb when the word connects two independent clauses in a compound sentence
- Recognizes correct usage of parentheses
- Uses parentheses to add information or to make an idea clearer

Students:

### RIT 201-210:

- Recognizes correct usage of apostrophes in contractions
- Recognizes correct usage of apostrophes in singular possessives
- Recognizes correct usage of apostrophes in plural possessives
- Uses a colon in business letter salutations
- Uses periods for initials, abbreviations, and titles
- Uses quotation marks with dialogue
- Recognizes correct usage of quotation marks to punctuate dialogue
- Uses a hyphen to divide words between syllables at the end of a line
- Uses a hyphen to make compound words
- Uses underlining (italics) in titles of books
- Uses underlining (italics) in titles of television programs and films
- Uses underlining (italics) in titles of magazines and newspapers
- Recognizes correct usage of parentheses
- Uses parentheses to add information or to make an idea clearer

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### RIT 191-200:

- Identifies correct usage of apostrophes in contractions
- Identifies correct usage of apostrophes in singular possessives
- Uses a colon to separate hours and minutes
- Uses periods in abbreviations
- Uses periods in titles before names
- Uses quotation marks correctly with dialogue
- Recognizes correct use of quotation marks in dialogue
- Uses quotation marks in titles of poems and short stories
- Uses underlining (italics) correctly in titles of books

Students:

### RIT 181-190:

- Identifies correct usage of apostrophes in contractions
- Identifies correct usage of apostrophes in singular possessives
- Uses a colon to separate hours and minutes
- Uses periods to punctuate initials
- Uses periods in abbreviations
- Uses periods in titles before names
- Uses quotation marks in titles of poems and short stories

Students:

### RIT 171-180:

- Uses apostrophes to show possession
- Uses periods to correctly punctuate initials, abbreviations, and titles

Students:

### RIT 161-170:

- Uses periods to correctly punctuate initials, abbreviations, and titles

Students:

### RIT Below 161:

- Uses periods to correctly punctuate initials, abbreviations, and titles