



The Language Support Hub

How to use periods (.)

1. **Golden Rule:** Use a period (.) at the end of a sentence that makes a statement. There is no space between the last letter and the period.
2. Use a period at the end of a **command**.
Example: Hand in the poster essays no later than noon on Friday.
3. Use a period at the end of an **indirect question**.
The teacher asked why Maria had left out the easy exercises.
4. Use a period with **abbreviations**:
Dr. Espinoza arrived from Washington, D.C., at 6 p.m.
5. Occasionally, a statement will end with a question. When that happens, it is appropriate to end the sentence with a **question mark**. Do not write a period after a question mark.
Example: We can get to Boston quicker, can't we, if we take the interstate?