

Use Punctuation to Enhance Story

(Read with expression)

When readers pay close attention to punctuation, it can make the story more interesting. Punctuation also helps us understand what we read.

Here are some tips for using punctuation to enhance a story:

- When you see a comma, take a breath, and pause for a quick second.
- If a sentence ends with an exclamation point, your voice should sound excited.
- If a sentence ends with a question mark, your voice should get higher at the end.
- If you see quotation marks, a character is talking. Change your voice for the different characters.
- If you see word that is in all CAPITAL or **bold** letters, that usually means the character is shouting.

