

Hearing Punctuation

MARK	VOICE	EXAMPLE
.	Stops	Basketball is a contact sport.
?	Goes up	What is your favorite food? You stayed up all night?
!	Gets loud	I made five baskets in a row! Help! My foot is stuck!
,	Pauses	Kevin collects stamps, baseball cards, and comic books.
“ ”	Sounds like the character or expert	“Don’t dillydally all day,” said the old woman.
...	Drifts off to acknowledge there was more, but it won’t be said.	“I... I can’t believe... Did I really win?” asked the girl.
—	Stops abruptly, then reads remaining text quickly	This heat— 108 degrees— is unbearable.
()	Whisper to the reader	The Wagner Playground (also known as the tire-swing playground) is on East Street.
<i>italics</i> boldface <u>underline</u> ALL CAPS	Stresses or emphasizes these words	“You ate <i>that?</i> ” gasped Joe. “ Ouch! I’ve been stung by a bee!” “The ball goes <u>in</u> the hoop, not <u>over</u> it,” sneered Rick. “HIP, HIP, HOORAY!” they shouted.