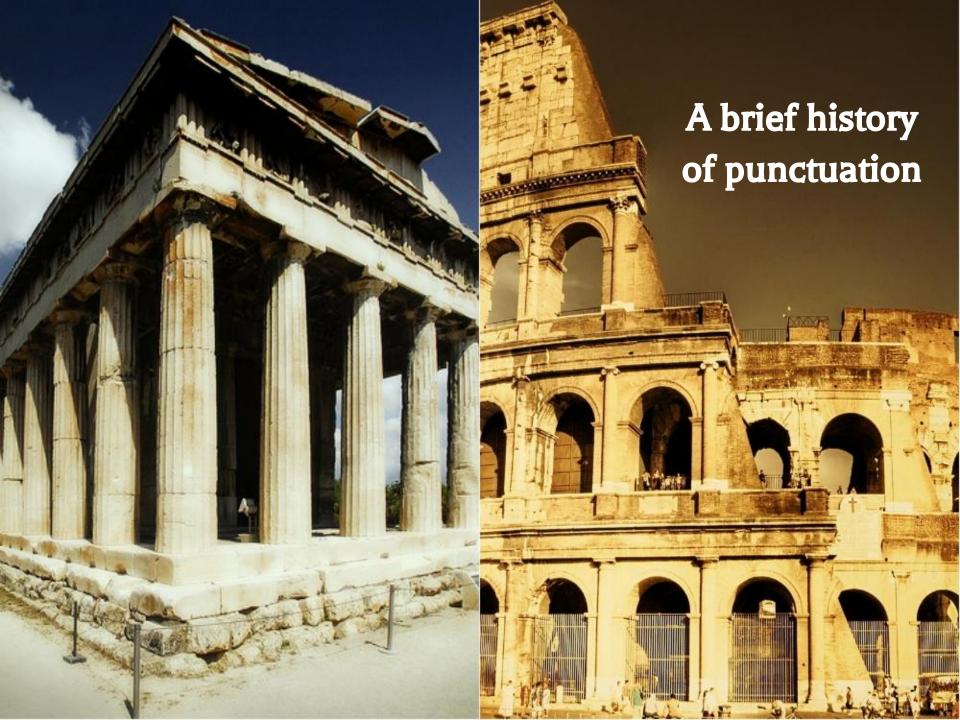
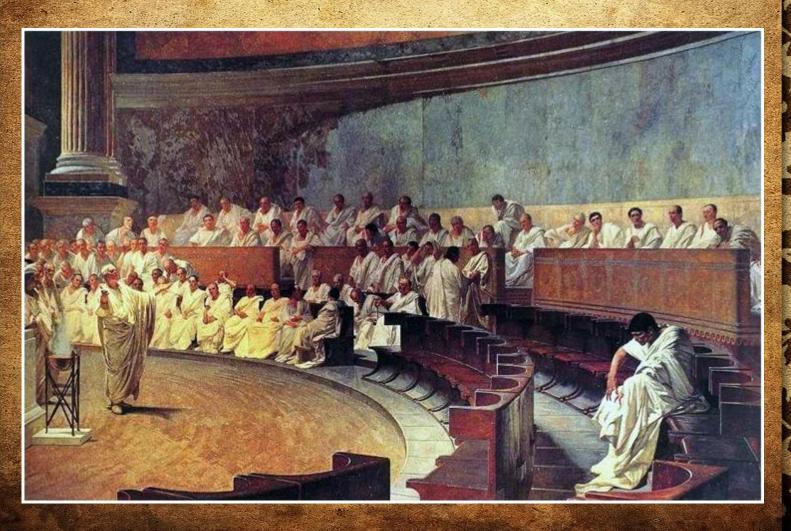


Outline History of punctuation Types of punctuation marks How to use them Comma Semicolon • Colon Dash Hyphen



The beginnings of punctuation lie in classical rhetoric the art of oratory. Back in ancient Greece and Rome,
when a speech was prepared in writing, marks were used
to indicate where - and for how long - a speaker should
pause.



Until the introduction of printing in the late 15th century, punctuation in English was decidedly unsystematic and at times virtually absent. Many of Chaucer's manuscripts, for instance, were punctuated with nothing more than periods at the end of verse lines, without regard for syntax or sense.



One of the first to codify the rules of punctuation in English was the playwright Ben Jonson, who included the colon (he called it the "pause" or "two pricks") in his signature. In the final chapter of The English Grammar (1640), Jonson briefly discusses the primary functions of the comma, parenthesis, period, colon, question mark, and exclamation point

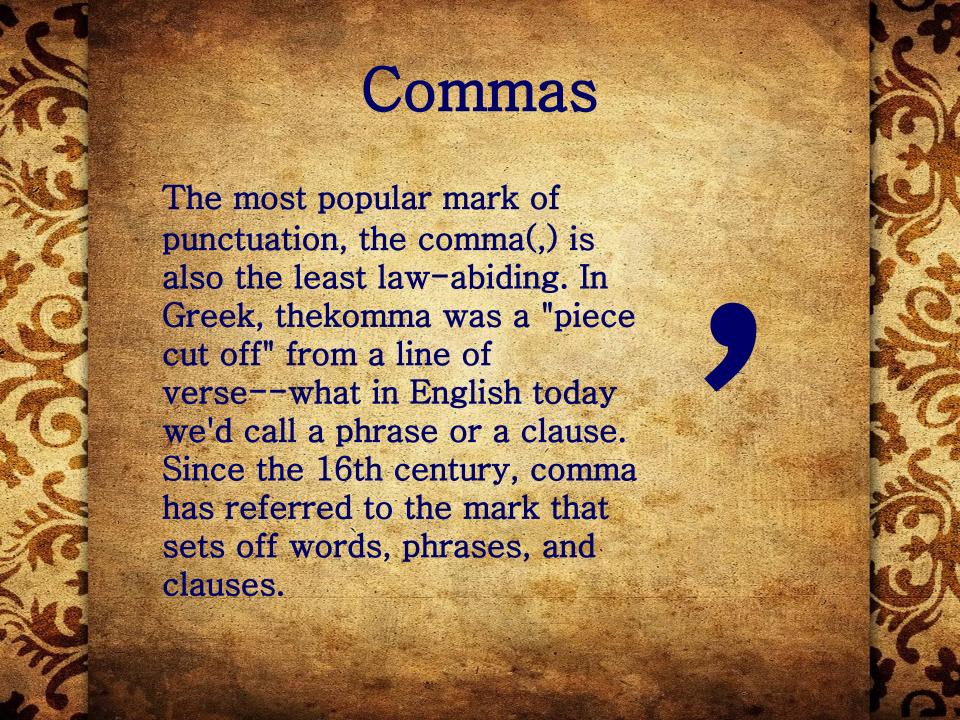


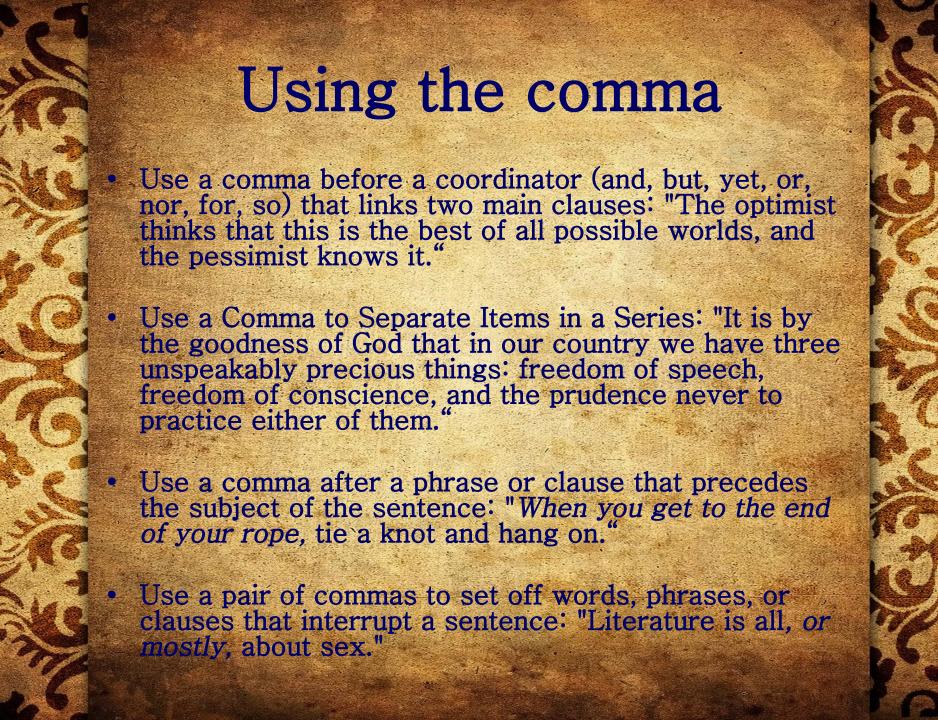


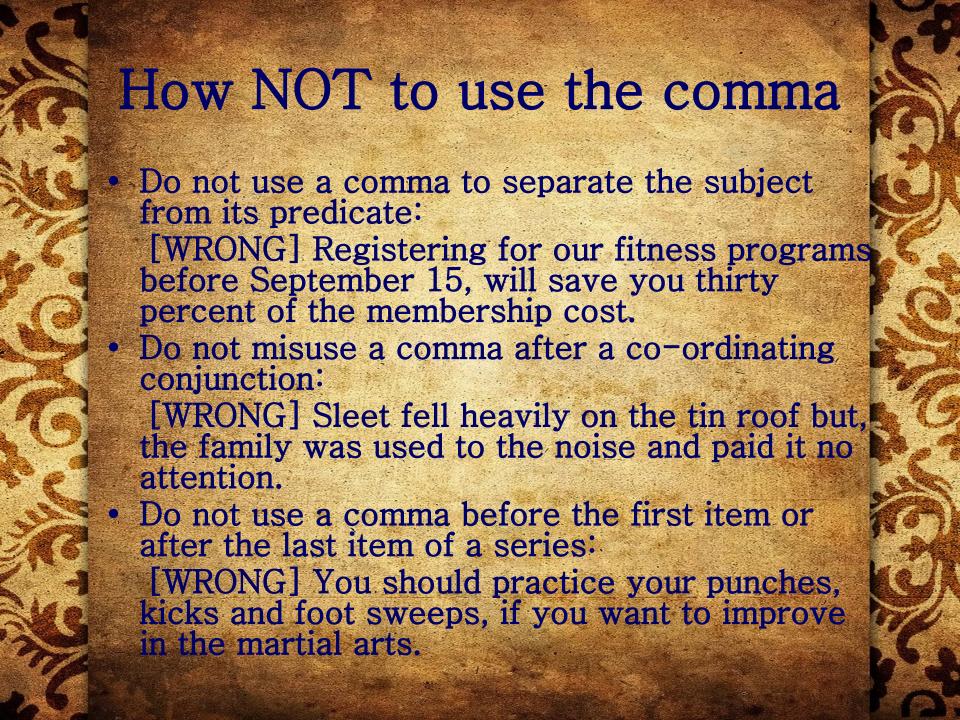
Modern punctuation

Main types of punctuation marks

- End Punctuation: Periods, Question Marks, and Exclamation Points
- Commas
- Semicolons
- Colons
- Dashes
- Hyphens





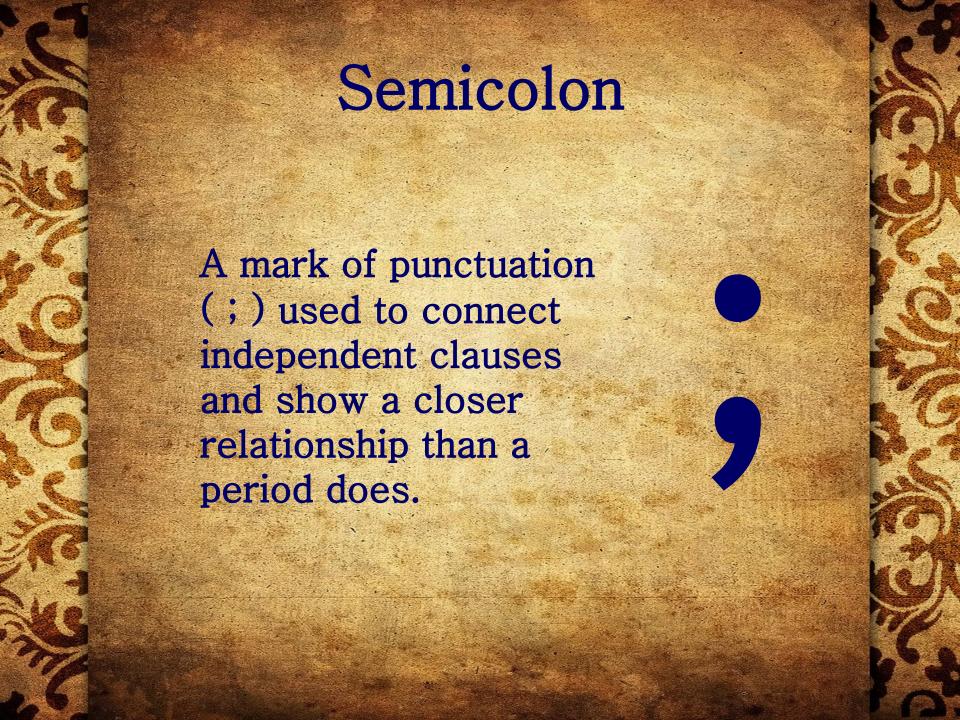




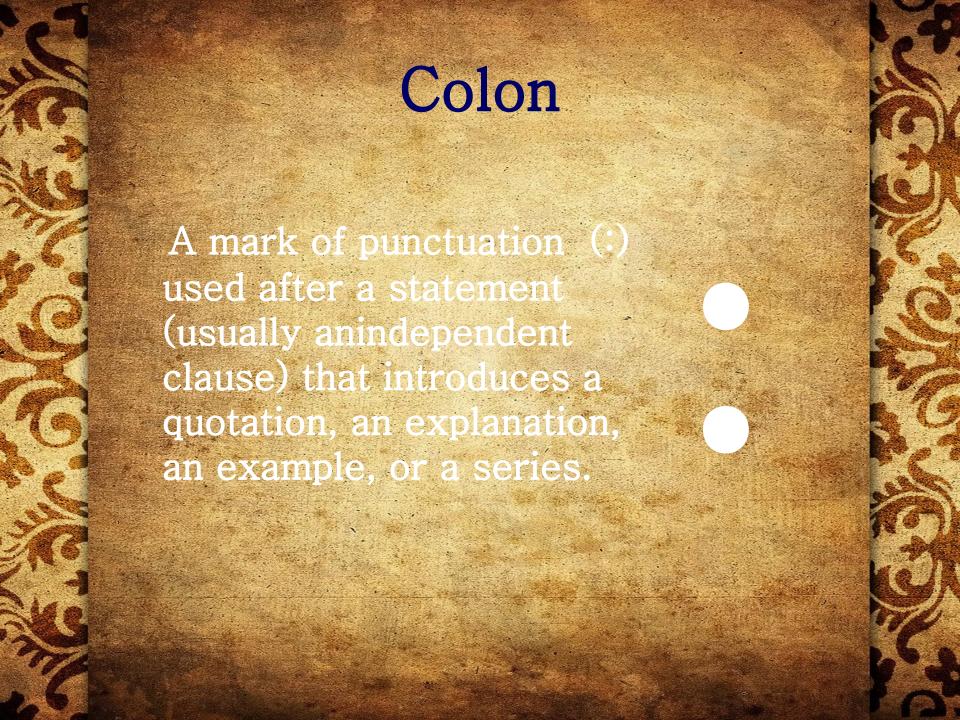
Let's eat grandma!



Let's eat, grandma!
PUNCTUATION
SAVES LIVES!









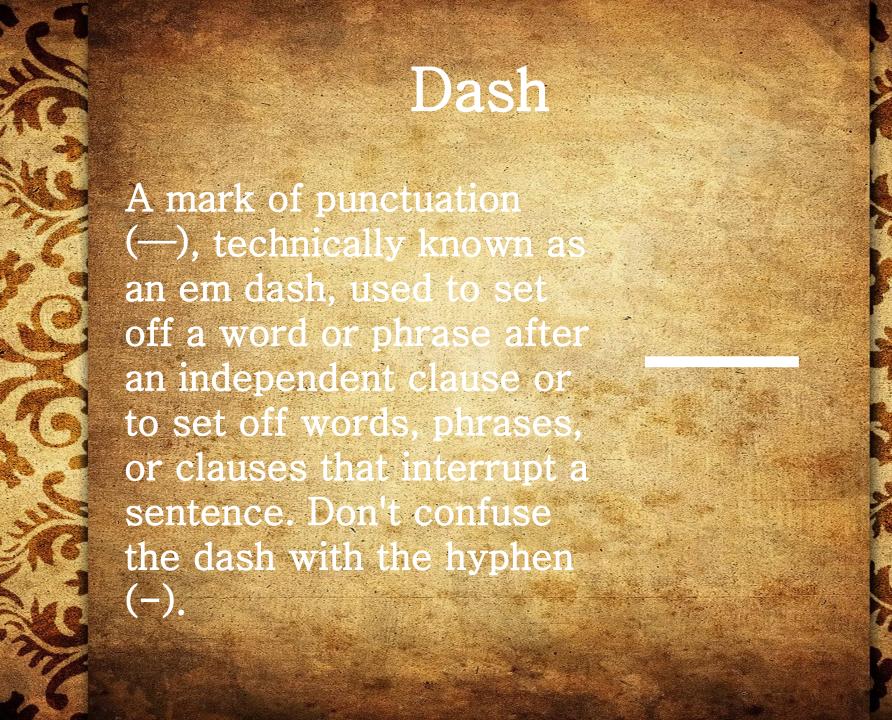
Using the colon

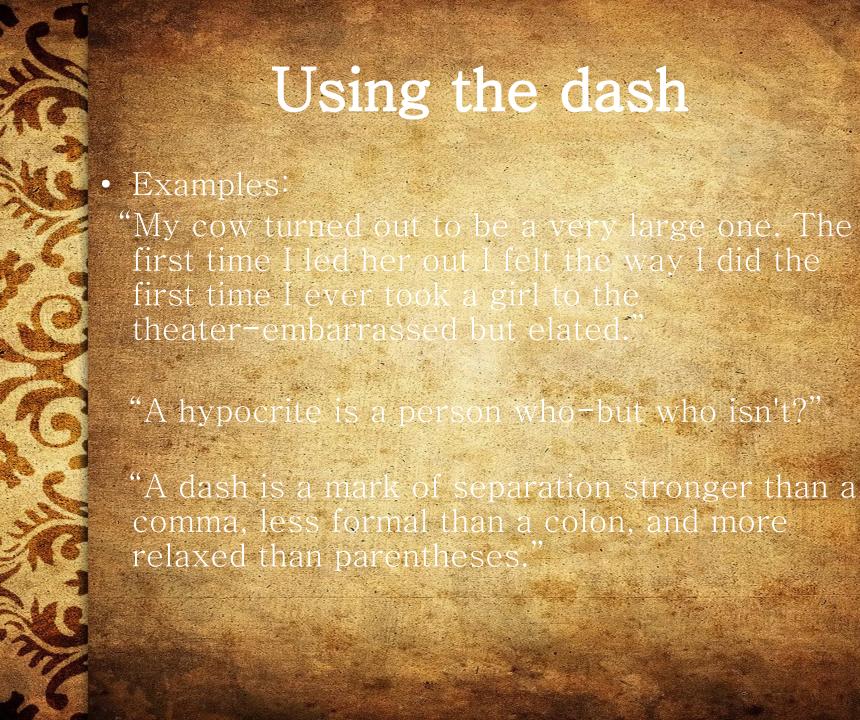
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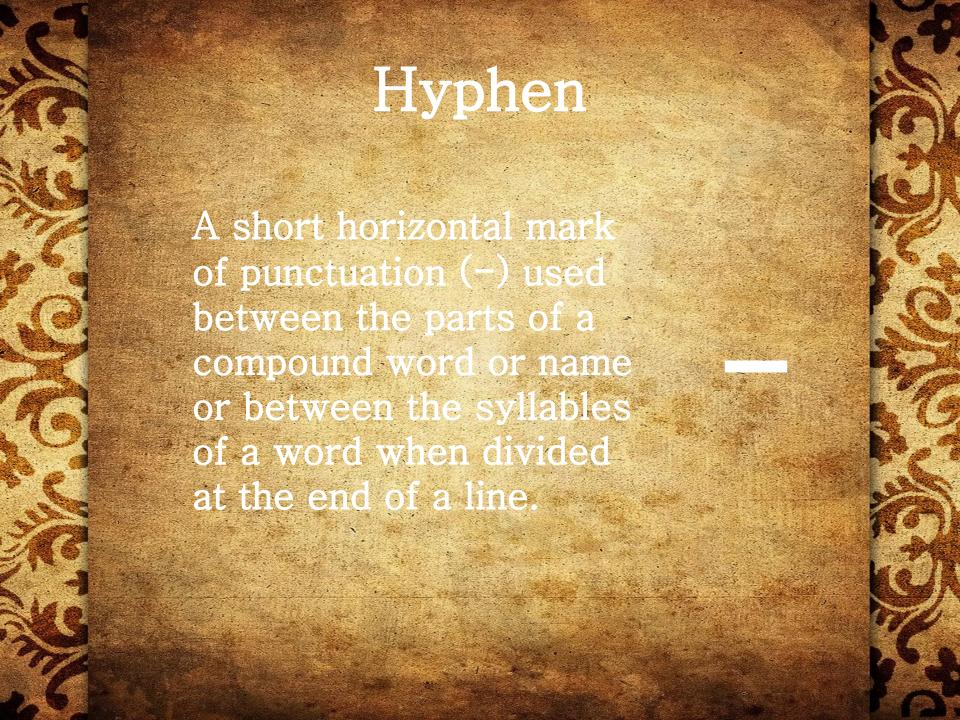
"I have never made but one prayer to God, a very short one: 'O Lord, make my enemies ridiculous.' And God granted it."

"There are three choices in this life: be good, get good, or give up."

"It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them."









Using the hyphen

"The **hyphen** is the most un-American thing in the world."

"New truth is always a go-between, a smoother-over of transitions."

"I'm part of the blame-America-last crowd."



Conclusion

Remember: Punctuation is being governed two-thirds by rule and one-third by personal taste:)

And don't forget that proper punctuation is 5% of your IELTS score

