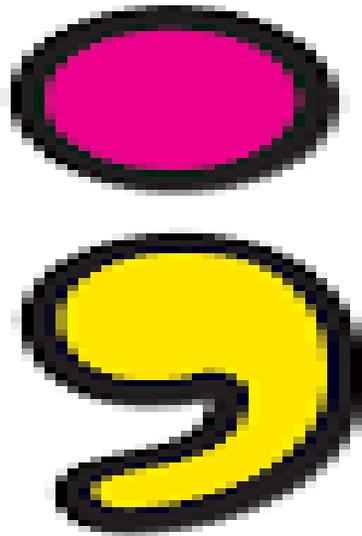


Exclamation mark,
question mark and
quotation marks



Exclamation mark



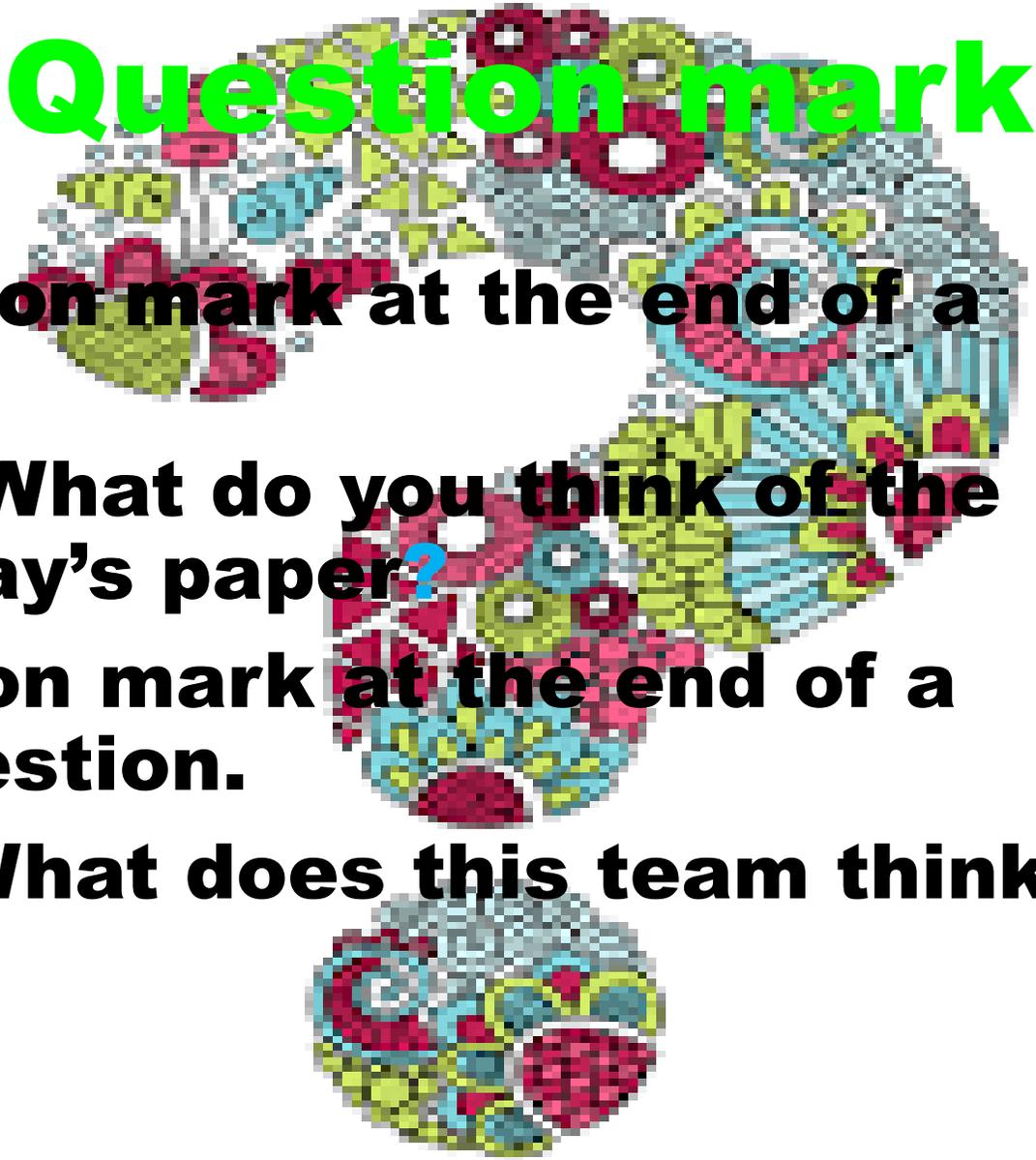
- Use an exclamation mark at the end of a sentence to show a strong emotion

Example: What a terrible story this is on the front page!

- Use an exclamation mark at the end of an exclamation

Example: No! I will not pay that rip-off price for a magazine.

Question mark



- ❑ **Use a question mark at the end of a question.**

Example: What do you think of the cartoon in today's paper?

- ❑ **Use a question mark at the end of a rhetorical question.**

Example: What does this team think it is doing?

A rhetorical question does not require an answer. It is used to make a point.

Quotation marks

❑ **Quotation marks are also called inverted commas. Use quotation marks in pairs to show the exact words that someone has said.**

❑ **Use quotation marks in direct speech.**

Example: The neighbour reported, “We need a newspaper to spread the good news of our community.”

❑ **Use quotation marks to quote someone else’s words.**

Example: Suraya repeated Nelson Mandela’s famous words: “When the water starts boiling, it is foolish to turn off the heat.”

❑ **Use quotation marks to show the titles of songs and poems.**

Example: He wrote a poem called “In the news”.

Apostrophe

- The apostrophe is used to show either possession or contraction.
- When we use an apostrophe to show possession, the apostrophe shows that something belongs to someone or something.
- Use an apostrophe plus s (e.g. 's) to show that someone or something belongs to a singular noun

Example: A dog's nose can sniff out 200 million different smells.

Example: Scientists have discovered ice on Mar's surface.

- ❑ **Use an apostrophe to plus s ('s) to show that someone or something belongs to a plural noun that does not end in s.**

Example: The children's outing included a visit to the SKA centre in Sutherland.

- ❑ **Use an apostrophe plus s ('s) on both nouns if the two nouns possess different things.**

Example: Adam's Science experiment and Devi's Geography project both exploded.

- ❑ **For a plural noun that already ends in s, use an apostrophe without the s to show that someone or something belongs to it.**

Example: The astronauts' suits have oxygen tanks so that they can breathe in space.