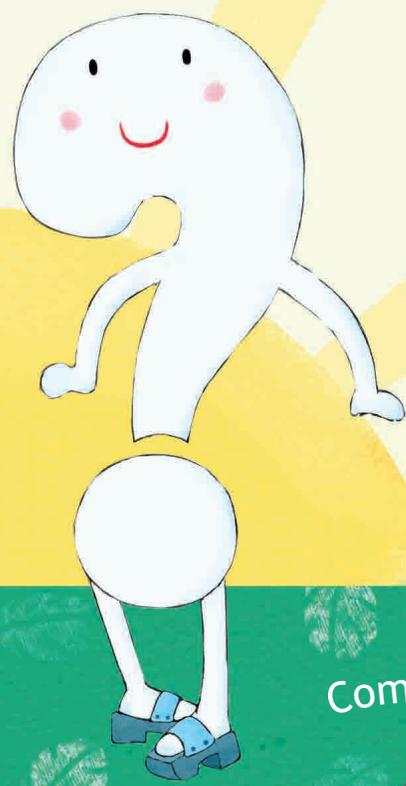




# The Punctuation Marks' Journey

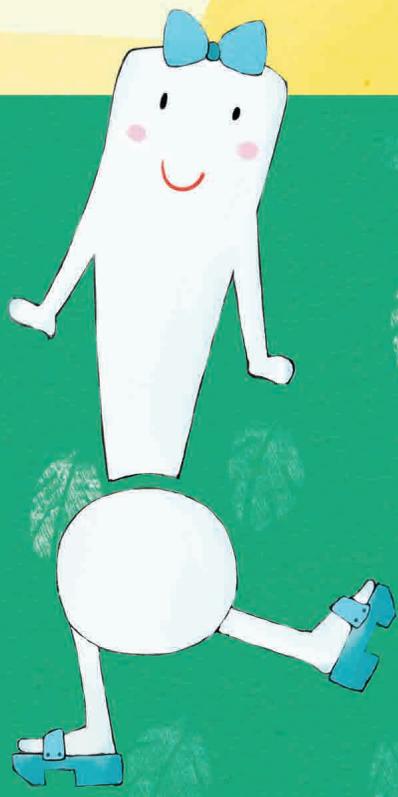
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Question Mark,



This is

Exclamation Mark,

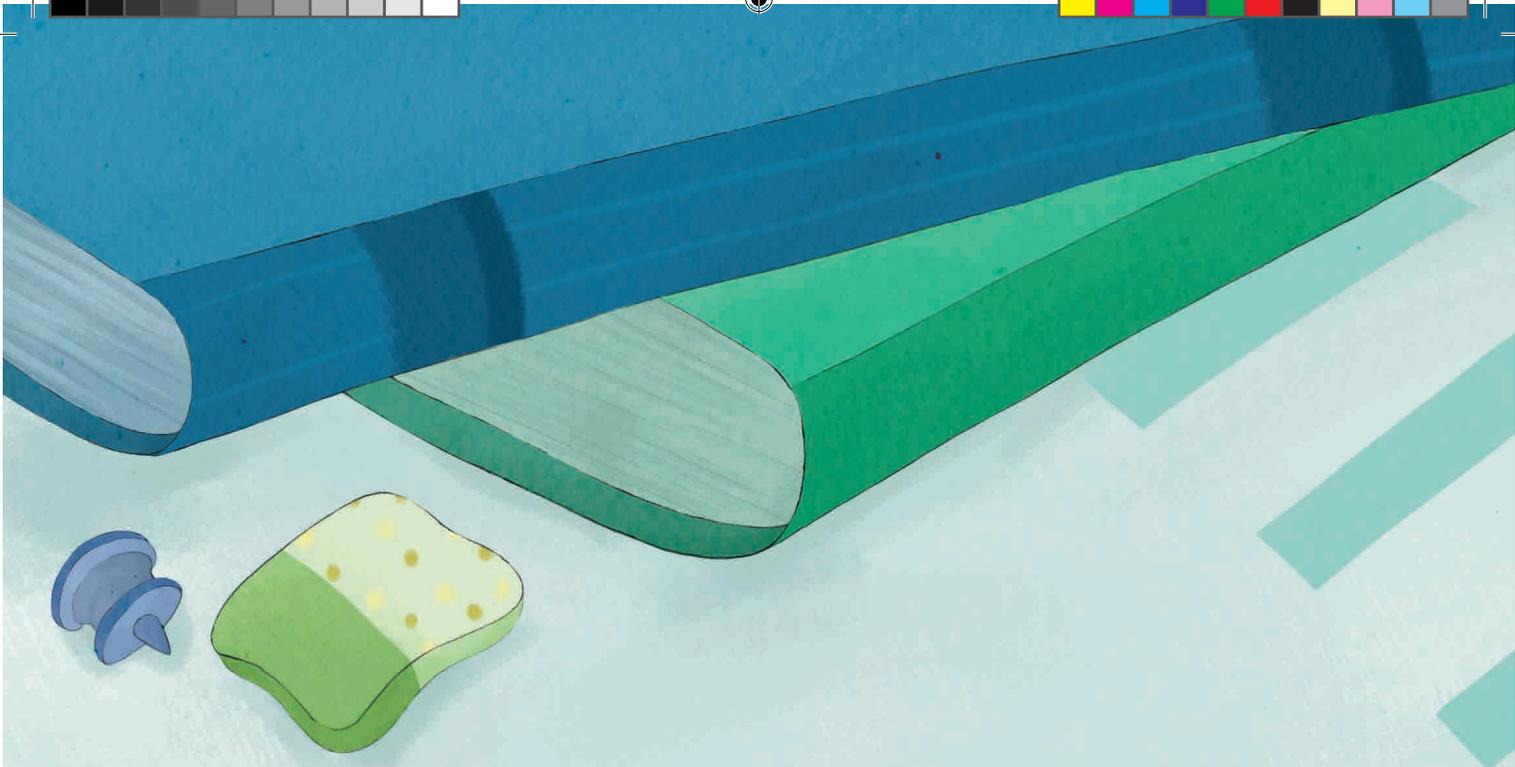


period,



Comma.





These are punctuation marks. They need jobs, but they don't know what to do.

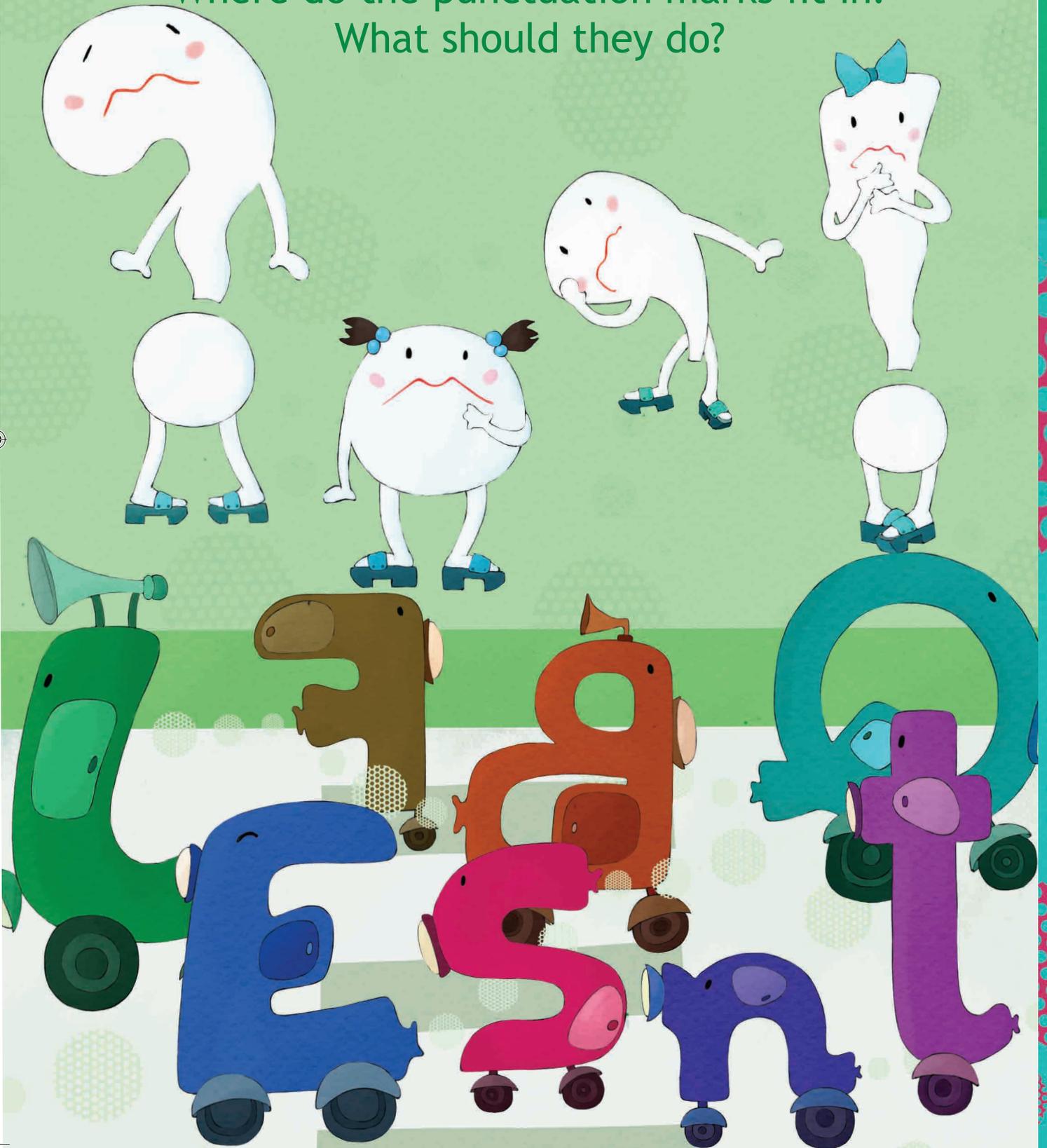


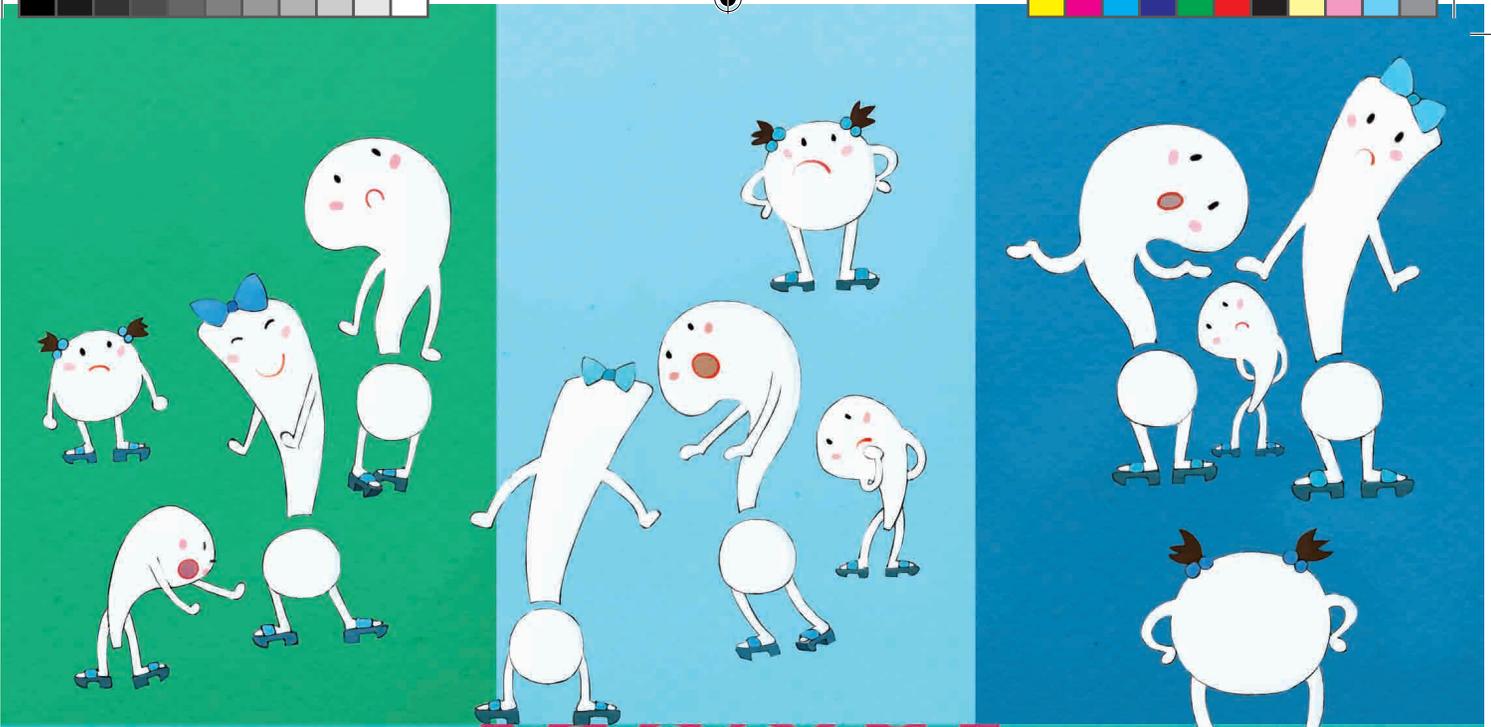




Letters and words are zooming around,  
trying to form sentences.

Where do the punctuation marks fit in?  
What should they do?





“Well, I know where I belong,” says  
Period.

“I always stand at the end of a  
sentence.”



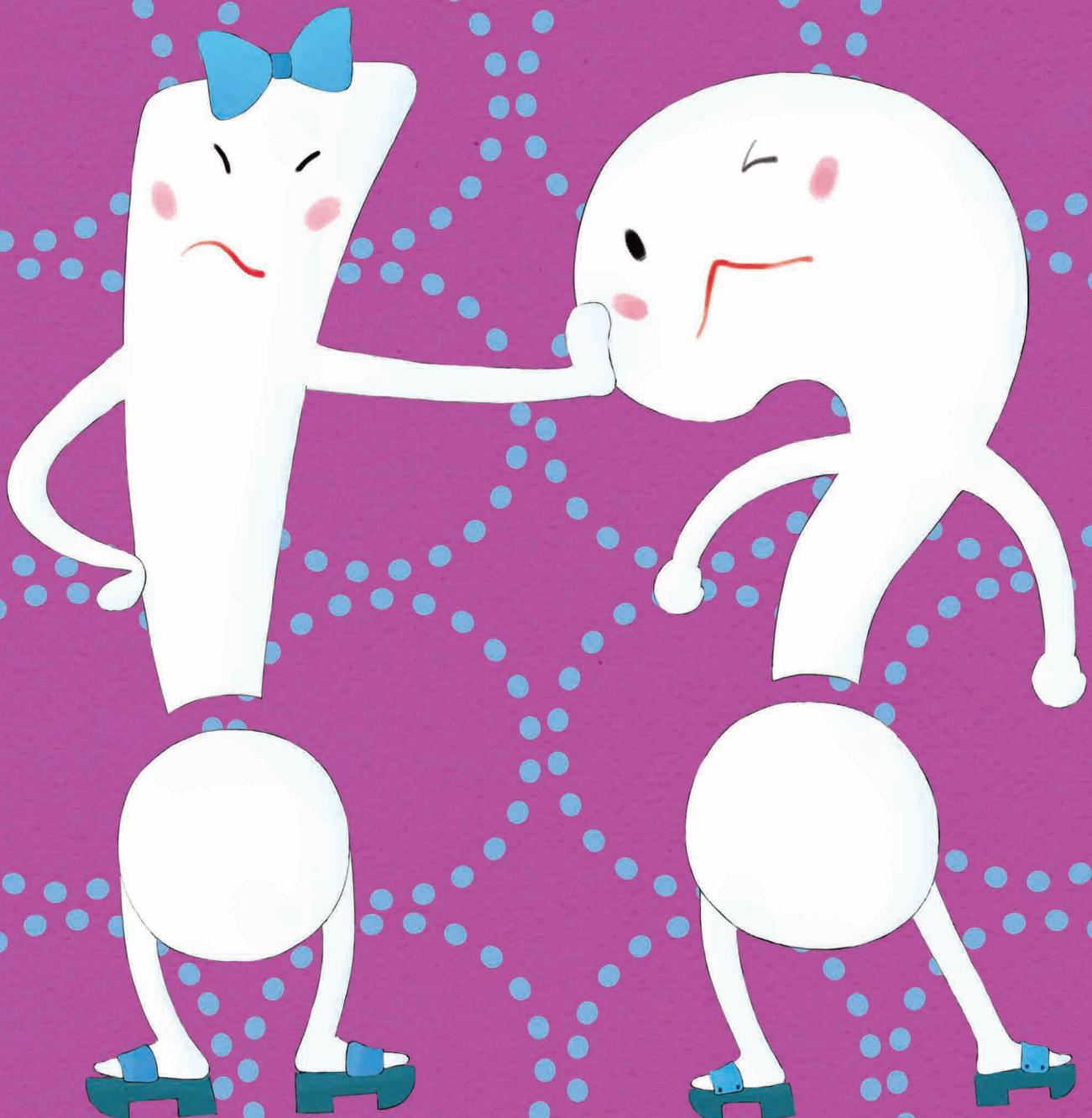


“No, I go at  
the end of a  
sentence!”  
says Question  
Mark.





“No way!” yells Exclamation Mark.  
“I’m the one who belongs at the end  
of a sentence!”





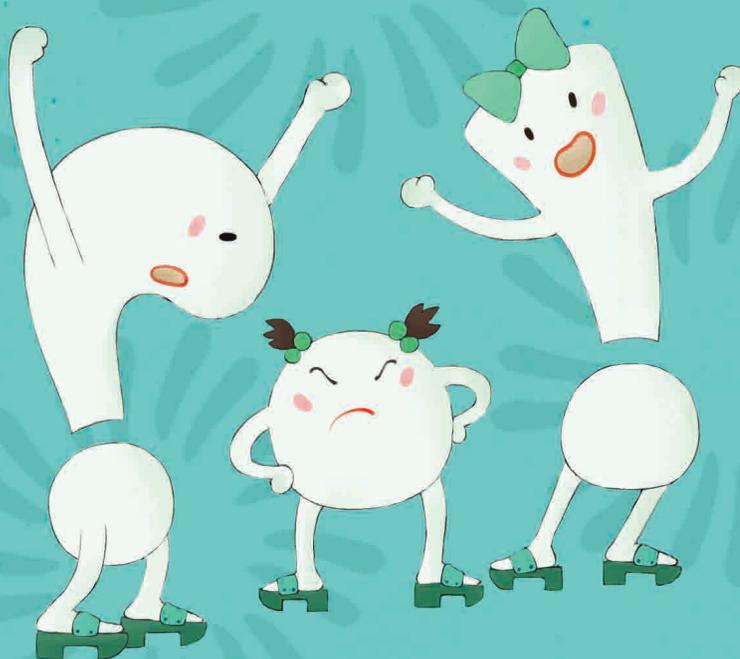
Nobody can agree, and the letters  
and words just keep zooming around  
in confusion.

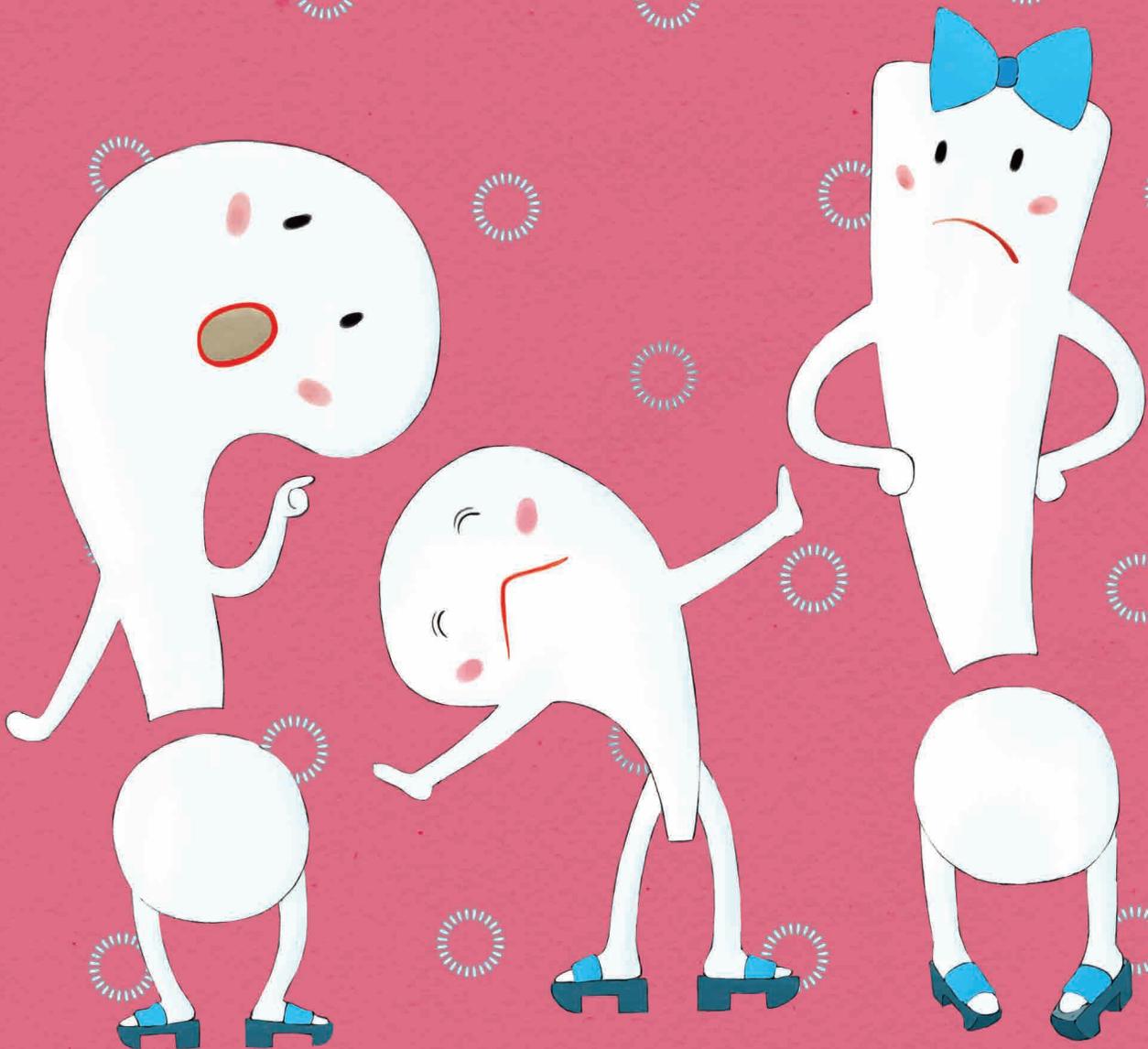




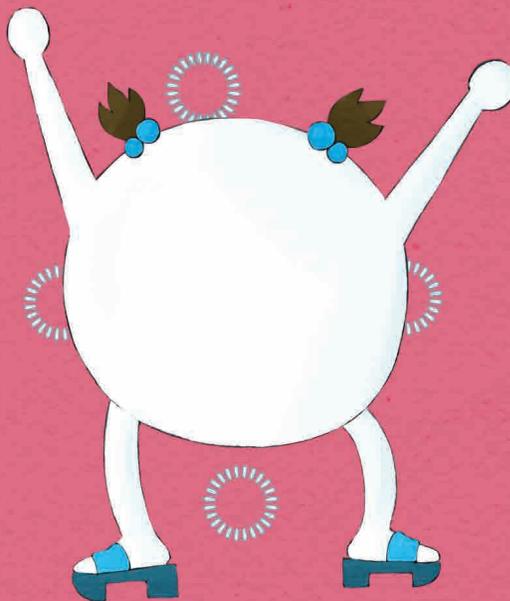


“I think I know what we should do,” says Comma, but nobody hears him.





Comma stands in the middle of the bickering punctuation marks and tries to separate them.

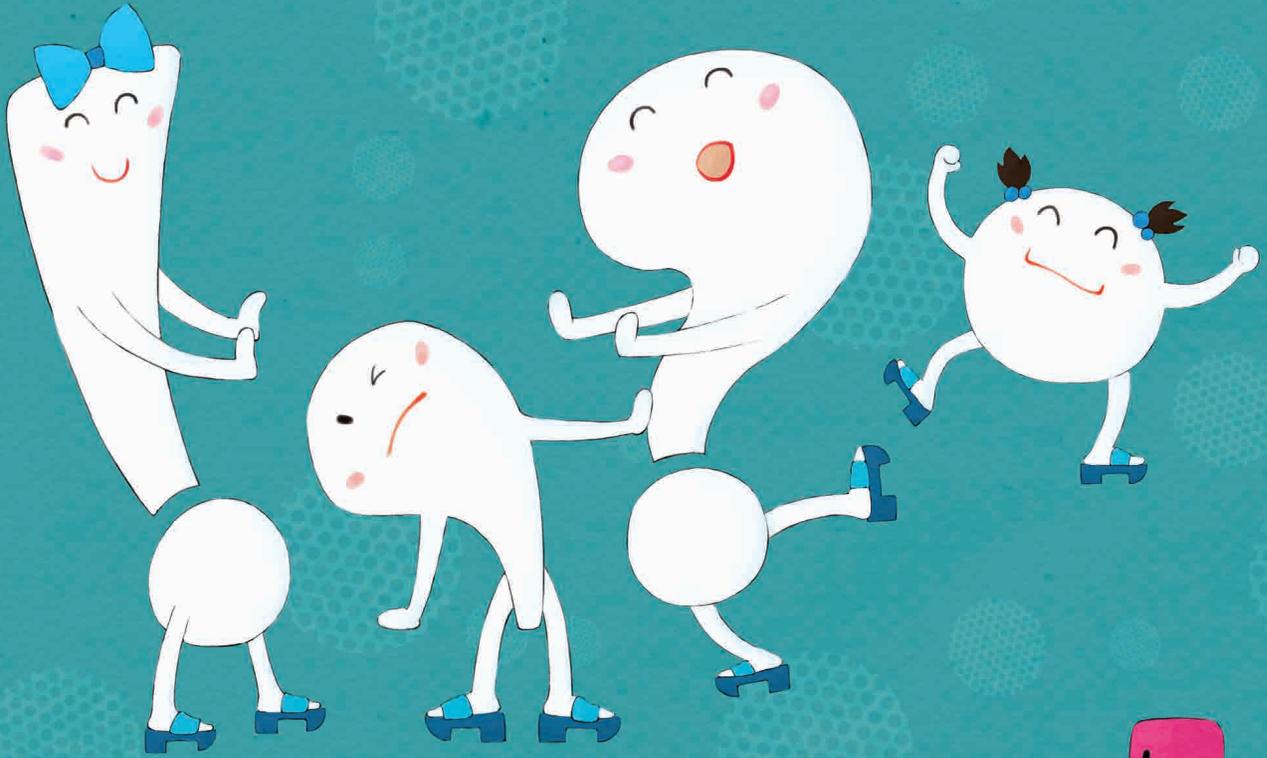




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“There is room for all of us among these words and letters,” says Comma. “Let me show you.”



“You’re right, Comma,”  
everyone says.



“We’re tired of arguing.  
Show us what to do!”





Comma shows the other punctuation marks how he does his job.



Comma organizes all the words into two lines. He stands between each word, separating them to make the lines easier to read.  
What do you see in Comma's lines?





Now that Comma has shown where he belongs, can Question Mark, Exclamation Mark, and Period figure out where they belong too?

Question  
Mark

Exclamation  
Mark

Period



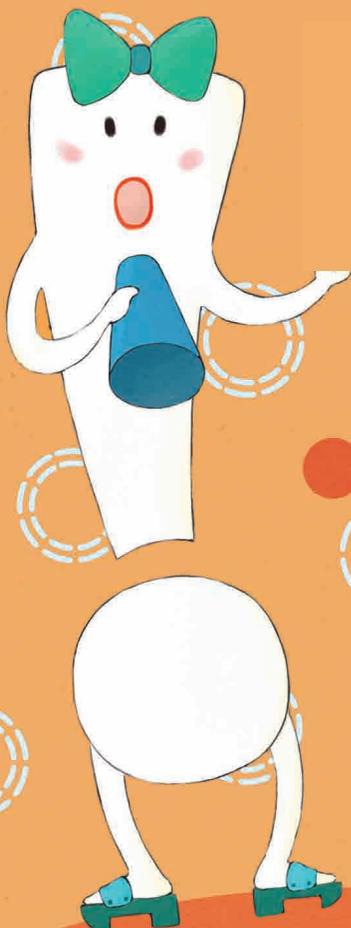


The **Period**  
is placed at the end  
of declarative sentences,  
like this one.





The **Exclamation Mark** is used to express emotions,

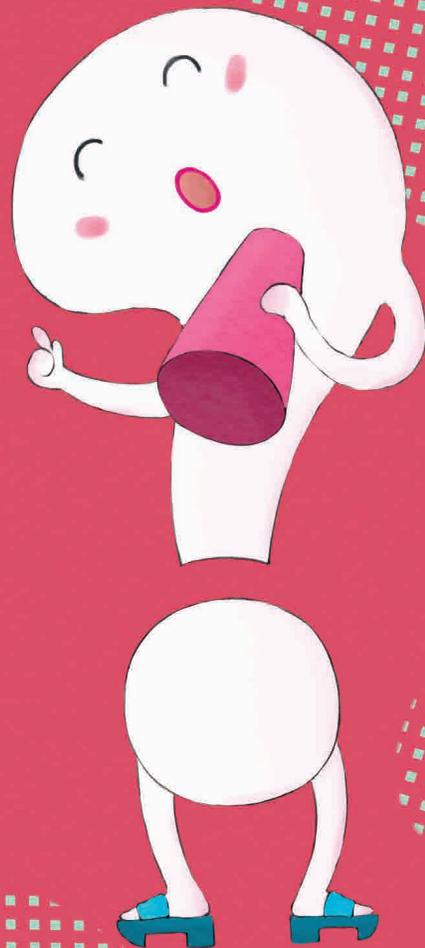


like happiness,  
anger, or  
excitement!



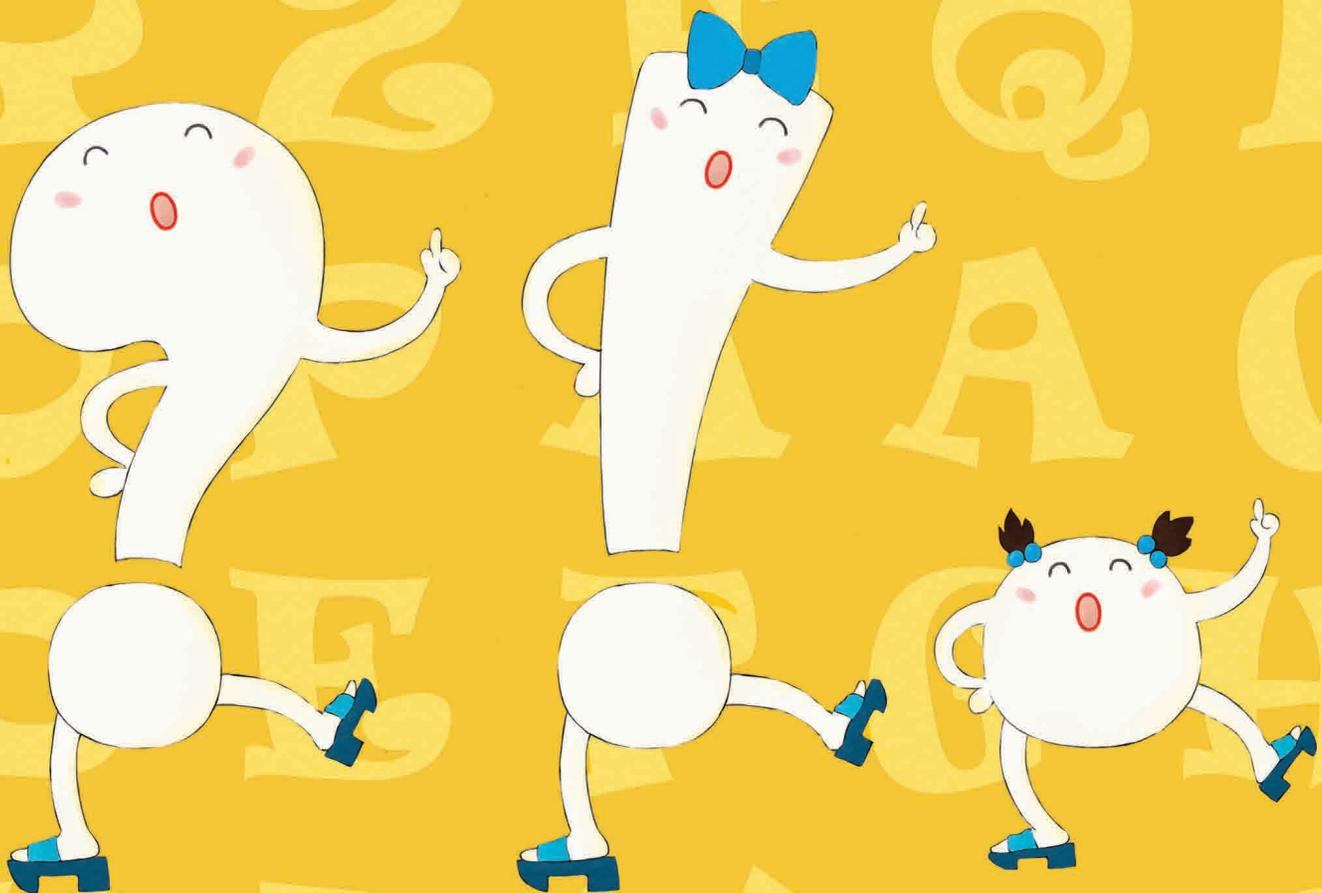
What?  
Where?  
Who?

Do you know what kind  
of sentence ends with a  
**Question Mark?**

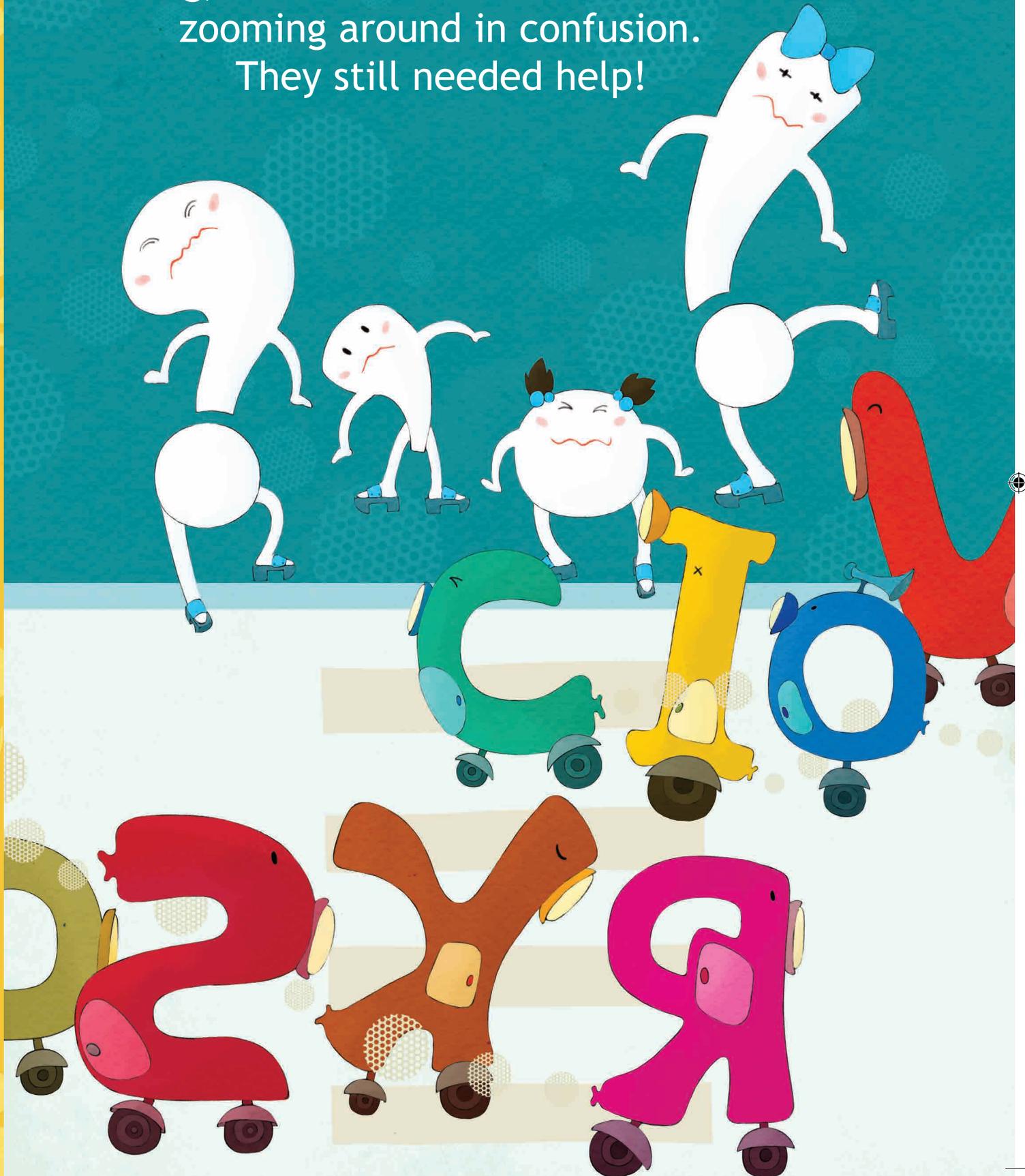




Don't forget: the word that comes after Question Mark, Exclamation Mark, or Period should start with a capital letter. It will be the beginning of a new sentence.

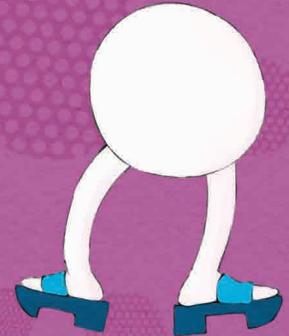
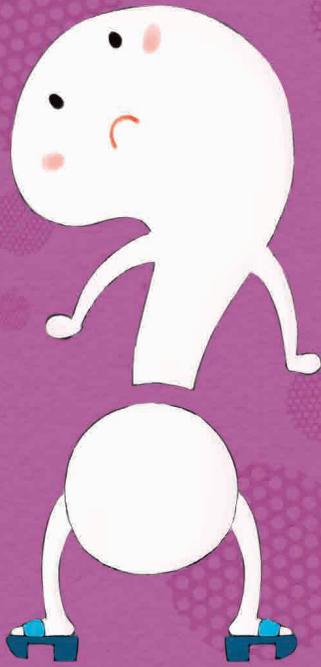


While the punctuation marks were talking, the letters and words continued zooming around in confusion. They still needed help!





“We have an important job,” the punctuation marks say.



“Look how confused the letters and words are without us!”





Now the punctuation marks know what to do. Hooray!

