

12 LITTLE PUNCTUATION MARKS WE SHOULD BE USING:

1 interrobang



You probably already know the interrobang, thanks to its excellent moniker and increasing popularity. Though the combination exclamation point & question mark can be replaced by using each one of each, it's fun to see the single glyph getting a little more love lately

3 irony mark



Similar to the percontation mark, however the irony mark's location is a bit different, as it is smaller, elevated, and precedes a statement to indicate its intent before it is read.

5 love point



Among Bazin's proposed new punctuation was the love point, made of two question marks, one mirrored, that share a point. The intended use, of course, was to denote a statement of affection or love, as in "Happy Anniversary [love point]". If it were easier to write, it probably would have really taken off.

7 doubt point



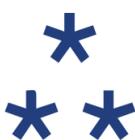
This is opposite of the certitude point, and thus is used to end a sentence with a note of scepticism.

9 sarcmark



The SarcMark (short for "sarcasm mark") was invented, copyrighted and trademarked by Paul Sak, and while it hasn't seen widespread use, Sak markets it as "the official easy-to-use punctuation mark to emphasize a sarcastic phrase, sentence or message." Because half the fun of sarcasm is pointing it out.

11 asterism



This cool-looking piece of punctuation has been used to divide sub-chapters in books and to indicate minor breaks in a long text. It's almost obsolete, since books typically now use three asterisks in a row to break within chapters (***) or simply skip an extra line.

2 percontation point or rhetorical question mark



The backward question mark was proposed by Henry Denham in 1580 as an end to a rhetorical question, and was used until the early 1600s.

4 acclamation point



Bazin described this mark as "the stylistic representation of those two little flags that float above the tour bus when a president comes to town." Acclamation is a demonstration of goodwill or welcome so you could use it to say "I'm so happy to see you {acclamation point}" or "Viva Las Vegas [acclamation point]"

6 certitude point



Need to say something with unwavering conviction? End your declaration with the certitude point, another of Brazin's designs.

8 authority point



Bazin's authority point "shades your sentence" with a note of expertise. Likewise, it is also used to indicate an order or advice that should be taken seriously, as it comes from a voice of authority.

10 snark mark



This, like the copyrighted SarcMark, is used to indicate that a sentence should be understood beyond the literal meaning. This one, however, is copyright free and easy to type: it's just a period followed by a tilde.

12 exclamation comma & question comma



Now you can be excited or inquisitive without having to end a sentence! A Canadian patent was filed for these in 1992, but it lapsed in 1995, so use them freely, but not too often.