

## Punctuation Signals

Common Core Anchor Reading Standard 4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

Read a selection aloud and pay no attention to the punctuation marks.  
 Then re-read it and this time pay attention to them.  
 Then tell the difference they make.

Punctuation Mark	How It Helps Make Meaning Clear	What kind of meaning do you miss if you don't pay attention to it?

Which punctuation marks are most helpful to someone who wants to read with clear meaning?