

# punctuate

[ˈpʌŋktʃueɪt]

1. ставить знаки препинания
2. подчёркивать, акцентировать; оттенять  
each word was punctuated by a blow - каждое слово подкреплялось ударом
3. прерывать (*речь и т. п.*); перемежать  
a speech punctuated by quotations - речь, пересыпанная цитатами  
his speech was punctuated by /with/ cheers - его речь прерывалась возгласами одобрения  
his career was punctuated by a series of mishaps - в его карьере было немало /много/ срывов  
sobs punctuated her tale - рыдания прерывали её рассказ

**punctuate** Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**punc·tu·ate** [punctuate punctuates punctuated punctuating] BrE [ˈpʌŋktʃueɪt]

<sup>1</sup> **NAme** [ˈpʌŋktʃueɪt] **verb**

1. **transitive, often passive ~ sth (with sth)** to interrupt sth at intervals
  - Her speech was punctuated by bursts of applause.
  - He punctuates his conversation with snatches of song.
2. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** to divide writing into sentences and phrases by using special marks, for example commas, question marks, etc.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	punctuate
	BrE / ˈpʌŋktʃueɪt/
	NAme / ˈpʌŋktʃueɪt/
he / she / it	punctuates
	BrE / ˈpʌŋktʃueɪtʃ/
	NAme / ˈpʌŋktʃueɪtʃ/
past simple, past participle	punctuated
	BrE / ˈpʌŋktʃueɪtɪd/
	NAme / ˈpʌŋktʃueɪtɪd/
-ing form	punctuating
	BrE / ˈpʌŋktʃueɪtɪŋ/
	NAme / ˈpʌŋktʃueɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (in the sense 'point out'): from medieval Latin **punctuat-** 'brought to a point', from the verb **punctuare**, from **punctum** 'a point'.

**punctuate** Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**punc·tu·ate** /ˈpʌŋktʃueɪt/ BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>1</sup> **verb**

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: past participle of punctuare, from Latin punctum; ⇨ ↑point<sup>1</sup>]

1. **[transitive]** to divide written work into sentences, phrases etc using ↑commas, ↑full stops etc
2. **[transitive usually passive] literary** to be interrupted by something, especially when this is repeated:  
The silence was occasionally punctuated by laughter.

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