

# Unit 3: Changing Planet

## Punctuation

**A** Read the information in the chart. Then punctuate the sentences.

Punctuation guide	
Sentence endings: (.) <i>period</i> (?) <i>question mark</i> (!) <i>exclamation point</i>	Most sentences end with a period, so save question marks for questions, and use exclamation marks only occasionally to express strong emotions, such as surprise or anger. <i>I can't believe he did that!</i>
Mid-sentence punctuation: (;) semi-colon (—) dash (,) comma	Use a semi-colon when two sentences are closely related. <i>It wasn't a mouse; it was a huge rat.</i> Use a dash to show an interruption in a sentence or to add extra information. <i>We'll be in New York—at last—in an hour.</i> <i>She got what she had always wanted—a corner office.</i>
Commas can be used: 1. in compound sentences. <i>Their oldest daughter is working, and their youngest is going to school.</i> 2. to separate equivalent elements in a series. <i>Would you like coffee, tea, or milk?</i> 3. to separate an introductory phrase or clause from the rest of a sentence. <i>When the party was over, I walked home.</i> 4. to group large numbers into thousands. <i>There are 1,673,000 people on the list.</i>	

1. Are scientists sure there is water on Mars
2. I don't know if I can help him but I will definitely try
3. They say that the best things in life are free
4. After we eat lunch we're going to work on the chemistry project
5. The test includes reading vocabulary and grammar sections
6. Bruce went running down the street the huge rat was just too much for him

**B** Correct the punctuation mistakes and add punctuation where necessary.

1. To get to Burlington; you have to drive to the train station take the train and, get a taxi.
2. Do you know where Maggie put the envelopes.
3. We need to print 2000 newsletters this week—even more than last week—
4. Wow.
5. Randy looked at the ground and sighed, it was all he could do.
6. The train leaves in an hour but you need to buy a ticket first!

**C** Write a letter to a friend in your notebook about a movie you have seen or a book you have read recently. Try to use all the punctuation types from the chart in **A**.