

FEATURES OF PUNCTUATION IN ONLINE TEXTS OF FORUMS AND BLOGS

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Annotation: *Punctuation is an important component of written language that helps convey meaning and communicate effectively. In social settings such as online chats, social media platforms, and messaging apps, punctuation plays a crucial role in shaping the tone, intent, and overall pragmatics of a message. This article examines the importance of punctuation in forums and blogs and its role in conveying emotion, clarifying the speaker's intent, and avoiding misinterpretation.*

Key words: *punctuation, pragmatics, social networks, emotion, humor tone, rhetorical interrogatives, exclamation mark, full stop, comma, parenthesis, nonverbal, social signal, grammar.*

**FORUMLAR VA BLOKLARNING ONLAYN MATNLARIDA TINISH
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Annotatsiya: *Tinish belgilari yozma tilning muhim tarkibiy qismi bo'lib, ma'noni yetkazishga va samarali muloqotga yordam beradi. Onlayn suhbatlar, ijtimoiy media platformalari va xabar almashish ilovalari kabi ijtimoiy sozlamalarda tinish belgilari xabarining ohangini, niyatini va umumiy pragmatikligini shakllantirishda hal qiluvchi rol o'ynaydi. Ushbu maqola forum va bloklarda tinish belgilarining ahamiyatini o'rganadi va uning his-tuyg'ularni yetkazish, xabarchining niyatni aniqlashtirishga va noto'g'ri talqindan qochishga xizmat qiladi.*

Kalit so'zlar: *tinish belgilari, pragmatika, ijtimoiy tarmoqlar, his-tuyg'u, yumor, ohang, retorik so'roq gaplar, undov belgisi, nuqta, vergul, qavs, so'zsiz, ijtimoiy signal, grammatika.*

**ОСОБЕННОСТИ ПУНКТУАЦИИ В ИНТЕРНЕТ-ТЕКСТАХ ФОРУМОВ И
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Аннотация: *Пунктуация — важный компонент письменной речи, который помогает передавать смысл и эффективно общаться. В социальных сетях, таких как онлайн-чаты, платформы социальных сетей и приложения для обмена сообщениями, пунктуация играет решающую роль в формировании тона, намерения и общей прагматики сообщения. В этой статье рассматривается важность пунктуации в форуме и блогах, а также ее роль в передаче эмоций, разъяснении намерений говорящего и предотвращении неправильного толкования.*

Ключевые слова: *пунктуация, прагматика, социальные сети, эмоция, юмор, тон, риторические вопросительные знаки, восклицательный знак, точка, запятая, скобка, невербальный, социальный сигнал, грамматика.*

As technology develops, so do language changes. Punctuation has a special place in Internet linguistics. In the era of social networks, written communication has gone beyond traditional patterns. Social media platforms have become virtual spaces where users engage in conversations, share information, and express themselves. Social networking platforms have changed the way people communicate, introducing new ways of interacting and different linguistic practices. In this context, punctuation serves as a tool to enhance expression, clarify intent, and channel the subtle nuances of online conversations. As a key element of written language, punctuation plays a crucial role in conveying meaning and facilitating effective communication.

Thanks to the development of computer linguistics, punctuation marks are used in electronic texts. While electronic texts use punctuation according to strict rules, there are no strict rules for their use in forums and blocks. Analysis of punctuation in social media texts is important. Punctuation marks express an emotional state without words in forums and blogs and are understood by the listener. Uzbek linguists B.M. Bahriddinova, N.M. Mahmudov, B.R. Mengliyev conducted research on the punctuation section of linguistics. In their research, they provided information on the punctuation of electronic texts. For example, B.M. Bahriddinova, in her book "Fundamentals of punctuation of the modern Uzbek language", describes the rules of punctuation of electronic texts, focusing on the punctuation of computer linguistics.

Also, world linguists consider the place of punctuation marks in computer linguistics as social network punctuation incomparable, and they believe that it is punctuation marks that serve to convey tone, emotions and experiences in forums and blogs.

Punctuation marks such as exclamation, question, ellipsis serve as a means of expressing feelings in written communication. When forums and blogs lack non-verbal

cues such as facial expressions and tone of voice, punctuation helps compensate for the lack of these cues. For example, an exclamation mark can convey excitement or enthusiasm, while excessive use of exclamation marks can indicate exaggerated emotions. On the other hand, a question mark can indicate interest or uncertainty, while an ellipsis can indicate doubt or hindsight. By using appropriate punctuation, people can add emotional context to their messages and enhance the overall tone of the conversation. In a social environment where messages can be misinterpreted, punctuation plays a crucial role in determining intent. Consider the following example: "I can't believe you did that." By adding a question mark at the end, "I can't believe you did that?", the sentence transitions from a sentence to a question and seeks to surprise or clarify. Likewise, using punctuation can help convey sarcasm and avoid unexpected misunderstandings. Punctuation helps people convey the intended meaning, reduces the chance of miscommunication, and encourages productive conversation.

The choice of punctuation can affect the tone and politeness of a message in a social setting. For example, using excessive capital letters, multiple exclamation points, or aggressive punctuation (eg, asterisks, pound signs) can convey emotions such as yelling or anger.

Conversely, the absence of punctuation and the use of milder punctuation such as ellipses or parentheses can convey a casual or friendly tone. One component of modern linguistics is the use of punctuation to convey people's intended tone in online conversations, where the absence of vocal cues can lead to misunderstandings. Misinterpretation of electronic texts in a social environment can lead to conflicts and misunderstandings.

Punctuation helps minimize such occurrences by ensuring clarity and avoiding ambiguity. For example, "Let's eat, Grandma!" vs. "Let's eat Grandma!!!". The placement of a comma changes the meaning of the sentence dramatically. Misplaced or missing punctuation can cause the recipient to misinterpret the meaning of the electronic text. It is very important to understand the pragmatics of punctuation in social networks dominated by written communication. Punctuation is a powerful tool for expressing emotion, clarifying intent, setting tone, and preventing misinterpretation. By using punctuation effectively, people can enhance their online conversations, improve understanding, and develop effective communication in a digital world where non-verbal cues do not exist.

Punctuation plays an important role in conveying humor in written communication. The use of sarcasm, witty, or playful humor often relies on unconventional punctuation or creative punctuation. For example, intentionally leaving a question mark at the end of a rhetorical interrogative sentence can add a comedic effect, while using too many exclamation points or capital letters can show too much enthusiasm or sarcasm. However, making a joke through punctuation can be tricky because it relies heavily on the recipient's ability to understand the intended tone and context. Misinterpretations can occur, leading to failed prank violations. Although punctuation is an invaluable tool for effective communication, overuse or

misuse of punctuation can lead to negative feelings or misunderstandings. Excessive use of exclamation points, question marks, or other punctuation can make a message seem overly dramatic, insincere, or even passive-aggressive. It is important to maintain balance and use punctuation wisely to convey meaning without overwhelming the reader.

In some cultures, such as Mediterranean or Latin American cultures, the use of exclamation marks is more common and often conveys enthusiasm, warmth, or politeness. These cultures may use several exclamation points to express or emphasize excitement. On the other hand, in some Asian cultures, excessive use of exclamation marks can be perceived as insincerity.

Punctuation in social media texts can compensate for the lack of nonverbal cues in face-to-face conversations. For example, adding an exclamation point or using all capital letters can convey enthusiasm or yelling, while using lowercase letters or softer punctuation such as parentheses can convey a more casual or friendly tone. These visual cues help convey intended emotions and enhance overall communication. The use of punctuation in social media texts often conforms to the conventions and restrictions of online platforms.

For example, due to character limitations on some platforms, such as Twitter, users may use creative abbreviations or omit certain punctuation to fit within the space allowed.

This adaptation can sometimes lead to new punctuation, such as using multiple exclamation points (!!!) to add excitement.

Also, punctuation marks serve to emphasize a certain sentence or sentence in the social network texts. Punctuation marks such as asterisks (*) or underscores (_) are sometimes used on social media to add visual appeal or to draw attention to certain words or phrases.

For example, in the examples of **Mind blown** or *"_So proud of you!_"*, the writer is trying to draw the reader's attention to these sentences. In some cases, users deliberately use punctuation for stylistic purposes or to fit the informal nature of social media communication. omit or change this includes using all lowercase letters, leaving periods at the end of sentences, or abandoning traditional sentence structure in favor of fragmented phrases

The pragmatic role of punctuation in social media cannot be overemphasized. Punctuation goes beyond simple grammatical rules; it acts as a powerful tool for conveying emotion, setting tone, and avoiding misinterpretation.

In the absence of non-verbal cues, punctuation plays an important role in adding context, emphasizing emotion, and ensuring effective communication. By understanding the importance of their cues, people can be more specific in online conversations. They can express their feelings correctly, avoid misunderstandings and ensure that the intended tone is delivered correctly.

Punctuation acts as a bridge between written words and human emotions and facilitates a silent communication environment.

It's important to note that social media punctuation can vary widely between people and across platforms. Users often develop their own unique style based on the specific social media text or platform they use.

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