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Today is a special day for those trying to uphold the integrity of the English language.

It is a day to celebrate the semicolon; exclamation marks are optional. It is National Punctuation Day today, the 5th annual iteration of the celebration of marks that help us communicate.

Think about it for a second.

How would we learn without the trusty question mark? And how would we pause, after all, without the handy comma? Would we

appreciate our favorite authors as much if we could not cite their best passages -- think, "To be, or not to be" -- with the invaluable quotation marks?

See the National Punctuation Day's [Web site](#) for more information.