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Its, National Punctuat!on. Day?

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Hello? Its National Punctuation Day. Here in the journalism world punctuation is important run-on sentences, are bad and incorrect punctuation can change the meaning of sentences commas in the wrong, place can also have that effect? Its easy to slip up and good grammar is hard to find! these days:

That was maybe the hardest thing I've ever had to write! (And I meant to put that exclamation point there. And look at me go with the parentheses!)

As a journalist, I obviously pride myself on my grammar skills and National Punctuation Day should be a friggin' holiday as far as I'm concerned. Let us celebrate commas, brackets, dashes, hyphens, periods, question marks, exclamation marks, colons and semi-colons, for they work wonders with the written word.

For example, look at how easily a comma can change the meaning of something:

Let's eat, Dad!

Let's eat Dad!