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Celebrate National Punctuation Day

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When is it proper to use semicolon? What about ellipses? Those are the types of questions organizers of [National Punctuation Day](#) want people to consider today.

Today is the seventh annual celebration of National Punctuation Day, which was founded by Jeff Rubin, a California professional writer and lecturer.

Rubin's [website](#) has a list of punctuations and descriptions of when it is appropriate to use them.

For example, the website notes that a semicolon should be used to mark a division in a sentence, one where more of a separation is needed than indicated by a comma. A colon, on the other hand, is used when a major separation is needed in a sentence and indicates that what follows is an elaboration of the first clause.

The website also includes links to proper punctuation guides and books.