

2010 Punctuation Haiku Contest winners

Randal Carlson

Had class on brackets;
was excited, but turns out
not basketball kind.

Sarah Carzoli

Commas are your friends.
Who else makes you stop and breathe
before you run on?

Jonathan Darr

I'm half of something
people don't know how to use;
use me anyway.

Lex Friedman

I love the em dash.
It's a lot easier than
The 50-yard one.

Anna Fruen

Spellcheck is okay,
But leave my punctuation.
I wrote what I meant!

Dave Gaertner

how to write silence?
three diminutive dots mark
ghosts of words unsaid

Dave Gash

Commas, like good friends,
should be used but not abused
lest, they, turn, on, you.

Michelle Green

Supermarket trip.
I erase apostrophes
from apple's and grape's.

Ken Guzik

Poor semicolon
Half comma, half period
So often misused

Philip Kranyak

Love life keeps pausing
Shouldn't have bought that copy
Of Comma Sutra

Larry McGee

Alas my text friend
Punctuation's gone again
How do I read this?

Della McGuire

Elitist brackets
So few get into this club
All else is left out

Sara Michael

When to hyphenate?
Compound adjectives, for one.
Like three-line poem.

Gloria Millner

Eye contact, a word,
ellipsis . . . could it have been
An invitation?

Monica Mueller

Technology snuffs
out the period's short life
save for the dot coms

Tom Murawski

Time to eat grandma.
Save her with a comma or
Simply savor her.

Tessa Nunn

With a conjunction,
The comma joins two equals.
Without, it splices.

Morgan O'Brien

Exclamation point
means "I am so excited!"
CAPS LOCK is just loud.

Nikki Savage

Period means stop.
A comma signals slow down.
Traffic cops of text.

Angela Shetler

In a moment of
Punctu-ate-tion confusion
Hyphen ate comma.

Shannon Smith

Searching for the words?
An ellipsis marks the spot.
Mystery . . . remains

Michelle Stewart

it seems ironic
we honor punctuation
without using it

Jaelynn Tolman

Unneeded commas
interrupt my reading flow,
giving me great pause.

Melanie Webber

IQ levels drop
With lack of punctuation
Slow children crossing.

Michael Wright

Punctuation (like
Life) leads, in all its glory,
But to a full stop.