

TIP Sheet

THE QUESTION MARK

A question mark is used at the end of a direct question. It may also be used to indicate uncertainty either within or at the end of a statement.

1. Use a question mark at the end of a direct question.

What time is it?

Are you dressed for the wedding?

Could you please turn up the heat?

2. Use a question mark to indicate uncertainty within or at the end of a statement.

They spent a lot (too much?) on that purebred dog.

You're dressed for the wedding?

3. Note some points regarding use of the question mark.

- Use a period, not a question mark, at the end of an indirect question.
He asked her if she was dressed for the wedding.
- Questions formed by words or phrases in a series can be followed by a question mark even if they do not form a complete sentence.

Did Juanita hide the candy in the cupboard? In the hall closet? Under the bed?