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?*