



# LYRICS

*To be used with RRR song “Dots and Dashes (Punctuation)”*

## Chorus

What’s the deal with these dots and dashes?  
Well, lets slow it down like cold molasses.  
You've got colons, parentheses, commas, apostrophes;  
punctuation, it can help you a lot, you see?  
(x2)

## Verse I

Whether you're writing for school or just to correspond  
you need **punctuation**, or else your sentence goes on, and on,  
and on, and on, and on, and never stops...  
so we can help you use **punctuation** in the right spots.

A **period** occurs at the end of a sentence,  
and if you’re using **initials**, periods must be present.  
For instance: “I went to the store.”  
“I bought some milk, some O. J., and nothing more.”

A **question mark** goes right after—guess what—a question.  
“Do you know what that means?” (Yeah, that's the lesson.)  
An **exclamation point** shows surprise, pain, or anger:  
“Ow! I just pinched my finger!”

An **apostrophe** replaces the letters that get denied  
in a **contraction**, that's when you’ve got two words combined.  
Apostrophes also show **possession**: “That isn't Mary's pen.”  
There are two apostrophes in that expression.

## Verse II

Think of a **comma** like you think of a pause,  
when a **conjunction** connects an **independent clause**.  
A comma's like a **breath** expressed in written form:  
“I like the sound of thunder, so I love thunderstorms.”

Let's say you got a list, maybe 3 or more things.  
You better use that comma and place it in between, like:  
“My favorite colors are red, green, and blue.”  
You know there’s gonna be drama if that comma is never used.



Use a comma in a sentence with a **contrasting phrase**:

“I'm awake, I'm just a little bit dazed.”

You can also use a comma to set off some dialogue, like,

“The princess said, 'I liked you better as a frog!’”

### **Verse III**

If you've got **conjunctive adverbs**, like “therefore” or “however,” or you've got **two separate sentences** you want to join together, a **semi-colon's** gonna become your mediator:

“I gotta get home; I'll see you later.”

A **colon** is used in a few situations:

before a list, an example, or sometimes a quotation.

And speaking of quotations, don't forget **quotation marks**,

and add a **capital letter** for any word at the start.