

Marks Send Messages

Students notice how end marks help readers understand a message.

1.P.AC.3 "Text Design: Consider the impact of text design on audience and purpose when consuming and producing texts across modes and genres."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	WHY.	WHY?	WHY!
b	WOW.	WOW?	WOW!
c	WAIT.	WAIT?	WAIT!

2 MATCH MESSAGES _____

HI!	•	•	TELL
GO.	•	•	ASK
WHO?	•	•	EXCITED

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read every choice and punctuation mark aloud, then give students time to circle or draw each line. This sheet shows how text design, including an end mark, helps a reader understand whether a writer is asking, telling, or showing strong feeling.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “Look at the mark at the end of each word. I will read the choices, including the end marks. Think about what you want a reader to understand, then circle one choice in each row.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	First row. You want to ask a question using the word WHY. The choices are WHY with a period, WHY with a question mark, and WHY with an exclamation mark. Which text should you use to ask your question? Circle it.	WHY?
b	Second row. You want a reader to hear WOW with strong excitement. The choices are WOW with a period, WOW with a question mark, and WOW with an exclamation mark. Which text choice shows that strong excitement? Circle it.	WOW!
c	Third row. You want to give a plain direction to wait. The choices are WAIT with a period, WAIT with a question mark, and WAIT with an exclamation mark. Which text choice gives the plain direction? Circle it.	WAIT.

PART 2 • MATCH MESSAGES

SAY “Look at each word and its ending mark. I will read the words and the choices on the right. Draw each line to show what the ending mark helps a reader know.”

- **HI!** matches **EXCITED**
- **GO.** matches **TELL**
- **WHO?** matches **ASK**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle WHY?, WOW!, and WAIT. Accept lines HI! to EXCITED, GO. to TELL, and WHO? to ASK.