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Celebrate the Power of Punctuation!

September 24 is the Eighth Annual National Punctuation Day. It's a time to celebrate the power of punctuation and show our appreciation for how punctuation helps us understand and be understood when we write.

Oh, just in case you are interested, here is the definition of punctuation: The practice of inserting standardized marks or signs in written matter to clarify the meaning and separate structural units.

Even though September 24 is a Saturday, you may want to celebrate for the rest of the month by—

- paying special attention to the punctuation you use when you write, and
- getting hold of a copy of the little book *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*, by Lynn Truss—a lighthearted look at how we use and misuse punctuation.

Here are a few links to help you get reacquainted and have some fun with punctuation. You may just learn something you didn't know before.

<http://www.nationalpunctuationday.com/>