

## The Question Mark: When Do I Use It?

Question marks are probably the easiest to understand punctuation mark. We can point to six situations in which to use one:

1. At the end of a direct question:  
When are we going?
2. After a statement ending with a question:  
That was funny, wasn't it?
3. After words that indicate a question is being asked:  
You're doing that?  
He still intends to go?
4. After a rhetorical question:  
Wouldn't he rather sing than dance?
5. When there is a question within a sentence:  
I will be able to terminate my lease, won't I, if I give 30 days' notice?
6. To express doubt:  
He went to the University of Iowa (?) in 2002.

Question marks don't seem to cause much trouble to writers. Maybe it's our inquisitive qualities that make them simple to understand. Right?