The period has three primary functions:

1) To show that a sentence has ended
2) To show that an abbreviation has ended
3) As a decimal point

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Example: We are going to the mall today.

Directions: Use periods to show that the following sentences have ended.

1) I must get a new car soon
2) If we don’t get some milk, we will not be able to eat our cereal

2) To show that an abbreviation has ended

Example: We are shopping on State St. today.

Note: use only one period to end a sentence.

Directions: Use periods to show that the following abbreviations have ended.

1) I want to move to Boulder, CO when I get older.

3) As a decimal point

Example: The shoes cost $42.99.

Directions: Use periods as a decimal point in the following sentences.

1) The dentist charges $6200 for an office visit.
2) The baby weighed 72 pounds at birth.