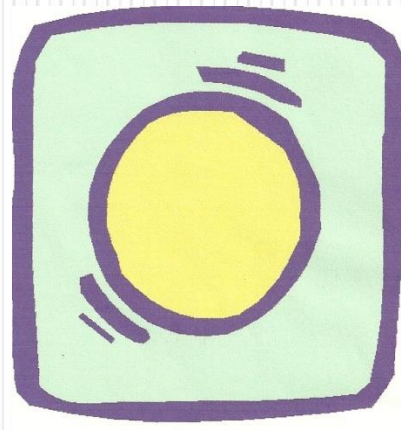


KUNG FU PUNCTUATION – BLACK BELT



Full Stop

Throw a short, right-handed punch at the air in front of you. Make the noise, Ha!



Comma

With your right arm bent so that your hand is in front of your face, make a short twisting motion at the wrist to signify the comma shape. Make the noise, Shi!



Semi-Colon

Do the full-stop punch, then the comma shape directly underneath it. Make the noises, Ha! Shi!

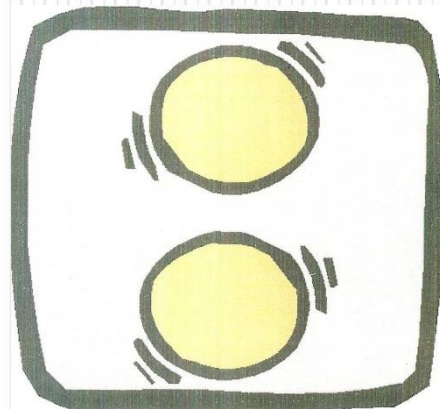


Colon :

Follow the full-stop punch immediately with one directly beneath it. Make the noises, Ha! Ha!

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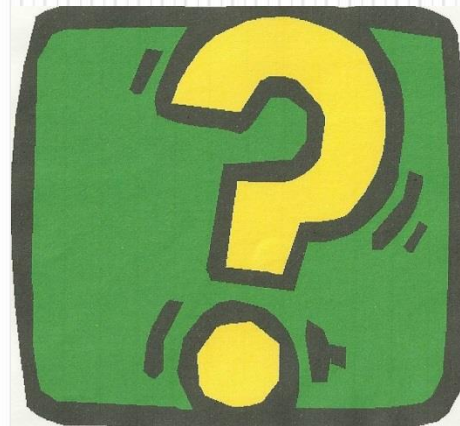
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Question Mark



Separate the curly bit into three cutting movements with the hand: one horizontal left to right, one curved around, and one vertical coming from the bottom of the curved one. Then at the bottom of the shape you have just drawn in the air, bung in a full-stop punch. Make the noises, Shi! Shi! Shi! Ha!



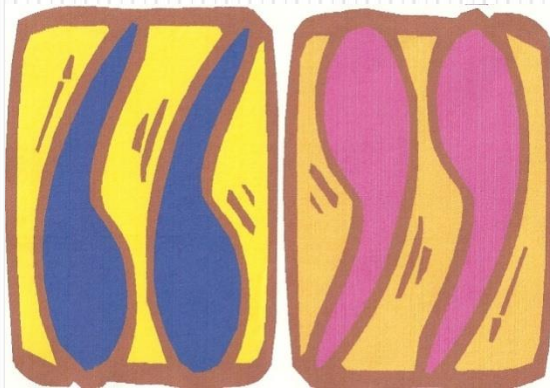
Exclamation Mark

A long vertical slash, from top to bottom, followed by a full stop. Make the noises, Shiiiiii! Ha!



Speech Marks

Stand on one leg, extend your arms diagonally to the skies and wiggle your index and middle fingers in an approximation of speech marks. Make the noise, Haeeee!



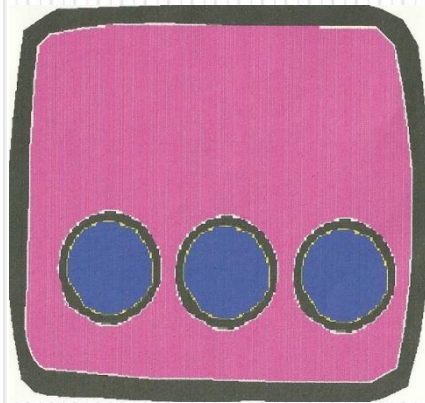
Apostrophe

With your right arm fully extended to the air, wiggle your index finger. Make the noise, Blubalubaluba! (This is the best I can do to approximate the sound you can make with your tongue when you flap it up and down against the inside of your lips.)



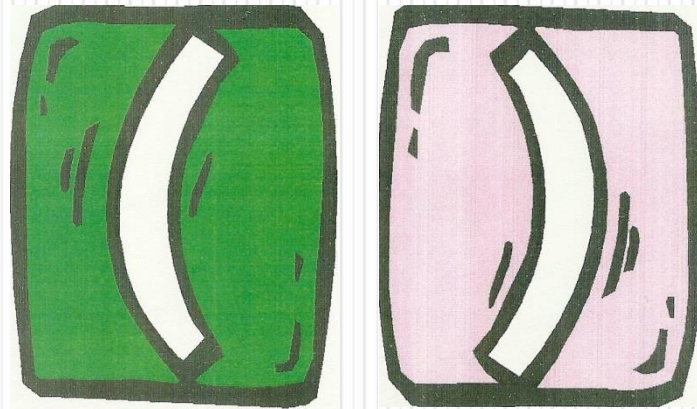
Ellipsis

Three punches along a horizontal line. Make the noises,
Ha! Ha! Ha!



Brackets

Using your left hand first, draw a curved convex line in the air; use your right hand to do the opposite motion for the closing bracket. Make the noises, Shi! Shi!



Advanced Kung Fu Punctuation

Perform the correct move and sound to match the punctuation mark



The boy's bike was broken.

Liverpool (which is in Merseyside)
is the home of the Beatles

I wrote letters to: Mary, Mark and
Helen.

"I'm wondering ..." James said,
bemused.

Henry's mother likes peaches;
mine likes pears.

How long is a piece of string?

The children's party was enjoyed by
all the mothers.

“No ... Please don't leave,” begged
the terrified waitress.

Callum (my youngest brother) lives
in Manchester.

A pupil's equipment includes: pens,
pencils and paper.

Tournament



A proper bout of Punctuation Kung Fu requires three players: two combatants and a referee. The combatants face each other. The referee says the words "capital letter", and the opponents bow to each other while repeating the same phrase.

The referee then calls out three punctuation marks and the players have to put the moves and sounds for these together, in sequence, as quickly as they can. The winner is the one who puts together all three moves and their accompanying sounds correctly in the quickest time.

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