

## Mechanics and Usage: Punctuating Sentences

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Hernandez Middle School will hold elections for sixth-grade class officers next week. Here are speeches from the four candidates for class president.

As the public relations manager for the election, you decide to print the candidates' speeches as handouts. Fix the speeches. Add commas and semicolons where needed. Cross out an incorrect end punctuation mark and write the correct mark above it.

### Ali Singh

Would you like a blue-ribbon debate winner to represent you! I am that person and I would use my debate talents to speak for the concerns of our class. Because I care about what happens to every sixth-grade student I will represent our class well. Vote for me?

### George Monopolus

You can vote for me or you can consider the other candidates. Why do I bring up my opponents. Well they are fine students. Every election presents choices but it's up to you to decide who is the best choice. I am running because I respect my fellow students and I want to represent all of you. Please, give me your vote?

### Marla Cohn

Whenever a classmate states an opinion or makes a complaint I listen I get along with my classmates teachers and even the principal! If you would like me as your class president please write my name on next week's ballot. What is my campaign motto? Hooray Hernandez Middle School.

### Adrienne Collier

Who of my opponents has had experience as a leader. Good grief only I can answer "yes" to that. Vote for me I have already been president of the chess club and I know what is best for this school. Give me your vote next week together we can make history at Hernandez Middle School.