PUNCTUATION: HELPFUL ANALOGIES

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**Colon**

a trumpet announcing an arrival

a drum roll

a door opening

an auctioneer announcing what’s to be for sale

a quarterback deciding whom to send the ball to

**Comma**

a toll on a highway, connecting roads

E-Z pass, for which you must slow down but not stop

**Dash**

a derailment without a train wreck

an eloquent interruption

the bump of bumper cars

**Exclamation mark**

flashing lights

a firework

**Question mark**

an expression of wondering minus words

**Quotation marks**

the outline of a speech bubble

**Parentheses**

the bread of a sandwich

a soap bubble floating up

**Semicolon**

a fulcrum or balance point

a stop on a train before your stop