

ABSTRACT

This bachelor's thesis will focus on the history and use of punctuation in the French language. The first part will explain what punctuation is and what its function is. Next, the punctuation marks used in the French language will be introduced. This will be followed by a section on the history of punctuation, specifically its origin and development up to the 21st century. It will be shown how the development of this system affected the development of texts and how it influenced authors and book printing. In the next part, I will specify its modern development and describe some specific elements that arose in it, especially thanks to the Internet. The next part will be devoted to the connection of punctuation with prosody and rhetoric, and the last part will introduce punctuation marks (for example, period, comma, question mark). In this section, the correct use of these signs, their use in the French language and the specific way in which they are written will be specified.