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You Be the Editor

Directions: The wrong punctuation has created wacky sentences in the e-mail below. Read the proofreading marks in the chart below. Then use them to proofread the e-mail. We've done the first two sentences for you.

SYMBOL	MEANING	EXAMPLE
/	Change to lower case	He went N ortheast.
=	Change to capital letter	She sleeps. <u>h</u> e eats.
o	Delete	She sleeps o and eats.
^	Insert period	She sleeps [^] He eats.
^ ,	Insert comma	She sleeps [^] and he eats.
Ⓚ	Replace period with question mark	When did she sleep and eat. Ⓚ

Dear Olive,

I think we should go out to dinner to eat[^] Olive. I heard Dino's Café is having a giant sandwich~~o~~sale today. I am really in the mood for spaghetti sandwiches. Are good though. I hope they have French fries with or without meat. All sandwiches are pretty tasty.

After dinner, let's eat ice cream on our bikes. We should be able to make it to Dino's Café and the ice cream shop. By 7:00 p.m. mint chocolate chip is probably what I'll order. What is your favorite ice cream flavor. I can't wait!

xoxo,

Maggie