

# punctuation

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David Duffy — 07 Jan 2003, 01:59

On Mon, 6 Jan 2003, Dan'I Danehy-Oakes wrote:

It's a pity we're limited to ASCII here ... in the old days of mimeo'd fanzines and such, we had a way cool bit of invented-for-the-purpose punctuation called the "quasi-quote," formed by typing the double-inverted-comma character, backspacing, and typing a hyphen in the same place: meaning, "I'm quoting this from memory, so the exact wording may be wrong." Almost as useful as the interabang (? typed over !) for rhetorical questions and the often-discussed but never quite created "irony mark."

--Blattid

I can't resist pointing out that these are used in chess notation:

"!?" interesting and speculative

"?!" bold but unsound

Lots of use for them on this list ;)

David Duffy.