

How to use quotation marks in dialogue

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Use of quotation marks

It is mainly used to surround what is being said by a person.

When used in dialogue, it makes the writing sound interesting.

Rules

When using quotation marks, capitalize the first letter in the sentence.

If the quote is before the person who is speaking, place a comma after the quote before the second quotation mark.

If the quote is after the person who is speaking, place the comma after the person before the first quotation mark.

However, when the person is asking a question or is expressing something with strong emotion, replace the comma with a question mark or exclamation point.

Examples

“I don’t know where the movie theater is located,” said Molly.

“Can I go to the park tomorrow?” asked Jane.

My mother screamed, “What are you doing!”

Patty said, “I am going to California for vacation.”

Split Quotation

A split quotation is when the quote is separated by the person who is speaking. Begin by capitalizing the first letter of the quote and ending in a comma enclosed by the first pair of quotation marks. Then, begin the second part of the quote with a lowercase letter and end with a period that is enclosed within the second pair of quotation marks.

“Alright class,” said Mrs. Testa, “let’s begin by doing our warm up today.”

“Hey, guys,” said Billy, “where are you going?”

Video

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