

Commas and Quotation Marks in Dialogue

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Quick Review

When a character SPEAKS, put quotation marks (" ") around the exact words. Use a comma to separate dialogue from the speaker tag (he said, she asked). End punctuation goes INSIDE the quotation marks.

PRACTICE

Choose or write the correct version.

- Which sentence is correctly punctuated?
 - "I love pizza" said Maya.
 - "I love pizza," said Maya.
 - "I love pizza," , said Maya.
 - I love pizza said Maya.
- Which sentence is correctly punctuated?
 - Sam asked "Where is my bag?"
 - Sam asked, "Where is my bag?"
 - Sam asked Where is my bag?
 - Sam asked, "Where is my bag"?
- Where does the COMMA go in this sentence?
"The sun is bright" she whispered.
 - after "sun"
 - after "bright" and inside the quotation marks
 - after "she"
 - no comma needed
- Which sentence punctuates an EXCLAMATION correctly?
 - "Watch out" yelled the coach.
 - "Watch out!" yelled the coach.
 - "Watch out," yelled the coach!
 - Watch out yelled the coach.



5. Which sentence is correctly punctuated?
- A. "It is raining," said Dad.
 - B. "It is raining", said Dad.
 - C. "It is raining" said Dad.
 - D. It is raining, said Dad.
6. Add quotation marks and a comma: *I am tired said Lily.*
Answer: _____
7. Which sentence is correctly punctuated?
- A. The teacher said, "Open your books to page ten."
 - B. The teacher said "Open your books to page ten."
 - C. The teacher said, "Open your books to page ten".
 - D. The teacher said, open your books to page ten.
8. Which has a PUNCTUATION error?
- A. "Let's go to the park," said Mom.
 - B. "Can I come too"? asked Lily.
 - C. "Yes," Mom answered.
 - D. "Hooray!" shouted Lily.
9. Add quotation marks and correct punctuation: *Where is the dog asked Tom.*
Answer: _____
10. Write your own line of dialogue using quotation marks correctly.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6
- 7 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9
- 10

Explanations

1. B	Comma inside the quotation marks, then said Maya. The others miss the comma or quotes.
2. B	Comma before the dialogue starts; question mark inside the quotes.
3. B	End the spoken part with a comma INSIDE the quotation marks.
4. B	Exclamation point inside the quotation marks, no extra comma.
5. A	Comma INSIDE quotation marks; statement ends with the comma since the speaker tag follows.
6.	Answer: "I am tired," said Lily. Quotes around the spoken words; comma inside the quote; lowercase "said."
7. A	Comma before quote; period inside the closing quote.
8. B	Question mark should be INSIDE the quotation marks: "Can I come too?"
9.	Answer: "Where is the dog?" asked Tom. Quotes around spoken words; question mark inside quotes.
10.	Answer: Example: "I finished my homework," said Maria. Any sentence with proper quotation marks and punctuation.



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