

# 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.

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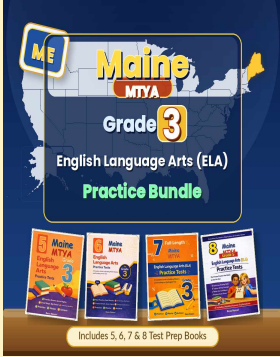
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Explanations	
<b>1. B</b>	Comma inside the quotation marks, then said Maya. The others miss the comma or quotes.
<b>2. B</b>	Comma before the dialogue starts; question mark inside the quotes.
<b>3. B</b>	End the spoken part with a comma INSIDE the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



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