

# Quotation Marks

Quotation marks are used to set off the exact words of a speaker or writer.

- Use a comma to separate the quotation from the rest of the sentence, e.g.  
"This is a really funny movie," whispered Tony to Paul.
- Commas and full stops at the end of a quotation always accompany quotation marks, e.g.  
"I'm surprised," I noticed my boss say one day, "and I can't get a C."
- When a quotation is used, the second part does not begin with a capital letter unless it is a new sentence, e.g.  
"The only rule is that," the scientist said, "is that we've created it."

## Activity

Write down sentences, using quotation marks around the exact words of the speaker or writer.

1. The health food store clerk said: "Having the manager call help you get what you need."
2. How are you doing on school? my uncle always asks me.
3. An elderly man told me in the store that, "I had you I can't wait."
4. David said: "Let's walk home. I think the game has already started."
5. Mark's teacher once said, "The more I know about human beings, the more I like my dog."
6. Michael said: "My brother is saying that if opportunity knocked, he'd want to be the man."
7. "It's dangerous to say words and thoughts, let them be heard up. The children are waiting for you."
8. The last person to shout the words of the football game.
9. "Dearest wife, I wish you were here, the good man said. "It's about time."
10. "Just because I'm not a genius, many people think I'm not a genius."