

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," answered Tony Luffard.
- Commas and full stops at the end of a quotation always accompany quotation marks, e.g.
"Tony complained, 'I received no help on my voyage and I still got 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 alternative," the scientist said, "is that we just don't act."

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 English teacher once said in the class room, "I bet you I can beat you."
4. David said: "Let's walk home. I think the game has already started."
5. Mark Twain once said, "The more I know about human beings, the more I like my dog."
6. Michael said: "My brother is always that if opportunity knocked, he'd knock the door down."
7. "It's dangerous to say words and do nothing, or do things and say nothing. The combination would kill you."
8. The last phrase about the "wonder" of the football game.
9. "Successful people know their failure, the good moments. It's about that."
10. "Just because Michael is present, many people think he's not a friend."