



Rules for Using Quotation Marks " "

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Quotation Marks " "

Quotation marks come in pairs. You need one set of quotation marks at the beginning of the title, dialogue, or quote and you need one at the end.

Quotation marks surround dialogue/conversation:

"I had a fantastic time at the zoo," Jill said.
Jill said, "I got an A on my math test!"
Jill whined, "I'm hungry!"

Quotation marks surround some titles, some countries and single quotations:

One of my favorite movies is "The Bad Guy."
My brother really likes Fred Astaire's song "Let's Come Back."

Quotation marks surround some phrases (used with apostrophes):

James is too "busy" to help me!
My sister chums with a bunch of "barbs."
She says she "forgot" her homework.

Commas and periods go inside of the quotation marks.

Question marks and exclamation marks go inside IF they are part of the quote. If not, they will go outside the quotation marks.

Semi colons and colons always go outside of the quotation marks.