

Punctuating Dialogue

Directions: Find examples in books you are reading or in your own writing of dialogue that is placed in sentences at the beginning, interrupted, or at the end, as these examples show.

<p>At the beginning:</p> <p>"Excuse me, sir. Will you please help me? I'm lost and need directions to get to Granny's house," Red Riding Hood began.</p>
<p>Interrupted:</p> <p>"Of course I'll help you," Mr. TimberWolf replied with a wide grin. "Her house is not far from my den... I mean residence. I'll show you the way."</p>
<p>At the end:</p> <p>Red Riding Hood didn't like the look of Mr. TimberWolf's teeth. They were sharp as nails and didn't look like they had been brushed in a month. She smiled shyly and said, "That's very kind of you but I've changed my mind. I'll use my cell phone to call mom for directions."</p>
<p>Other Arrangements:</p>

Figure 3.

<i>Combining Sentences</i>	
Two Sentences	Combined Sentence
Tanya is my older sister. She is a wild skier.	Tanya, my older sister, is a wild skier.
She often skis at the Mountain Top Resort. It is a ski hill that is not far from our house.	She often skis at the Mountain Top Resort, a ski hill that is not far from our house.
Her best friend is Brenda. Brenda is a slow, cautious skier.	Her best friend, Brenda, is a slow, cautious skier.
Tanya tried to get Brenda to speed up a little when she skied. Tanya was often bored when she skied with Brenda.	Often bored when she skied with Brenda, Tanya tried to get Brenda to speed up a little.
One day Tanya took Brenda up Richter Run. Richter Run is a black diamond run that Brenda didn't know about.	One day Tanya took Brenda up Richter Run, a black diamond run that Brenda didn't know about.

Figure 4.

<i>A Story About Grandma Ladaija</i>	
Directions: Your goal is to combine these seven sentences into one grammatically correct sentence about Grandma Ladaija.	
Subjects	Predicates
Grandma Ladaija	is a daring and crazy lady
Grandma Ladaija	built her own airplane
Grandma Ladaija	builds airplanes for a hobby
Grandma Ladaija	once broke her wrist while flying one of her planes
Grandma Ladaija	had to wear a cast on her wrist for six weeks
Grandma Ladaija	let me draw a picture of an airplane on her cast
Grandma Ladaija	likes to tell stories about her days in the Air Force

Figure 5.