

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.
"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 rule is this," the scientist said, "is that we must not kill."

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 airplane is a bird that flies in the sky, said you I was told.
4. Download, Let's work faster... 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 a boy that if opportunity knocked, he'd knock the door down."
7. It's dangerous to say words and thoughts, or ideas, out loud to you. The computer would tell you.
8. The last period of the "history" of the football game.
9. The school will be looking for you, the good student. It's about time.
10. Just because Michael is a boy, many people think he'd be a "boy" if I were dead.