

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.
"They complained," I noticed, as I sat on my bench, but 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. As a politician's aide, I told him: "I told you I was busy."
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. My father said: "My brother is saying that if opportunity knocked, he'd want to be a man."
7. It's dangerous to say words and thoughts, or ideas, out loud. The moment you speak you.
8. The last period of the "history" of the football game.
9. The general with his hand on his sword, the general said: "It's about time."
10. And because the first is given, many people think "that's" is the end of it.