

Quotation marks

Quotation marks are used to show the exact words that someone has spoken.

1. Show where the quotation marks should be.

- (a) Are you going to celebrate your birthday this year? Kelly asked Amber.
- (b) The teacher said, You will need to complete this work before lunch.
- (c) Emma asked her cousin to come over and Alice said, Great! I'll be there soon.
- (d) I don't really remember exactly what happened that day, the man told the officer.
- (e) His doctor stated, The condition is definitely not as serious as I first thought.
- (f) Think about creating a quality piece that could be the centre of attention, suggested the artist.

2. Use quotation marks to show the speech breaks.

- (a) My parents are usually great, said Jess, but yesterday they were both tired and grumpy.
- (b) Our regular training has been cancelled, I told Dad, so can I go to Max's for awhile?
- (c) I'm so disappointed you've been dishonest, Tom, Mum said. There was no reason for you to make that choice.
- (d) Take that man into custody immediately, ordered the judge. The jury has made its decision.
- (e) A calculator will be available for the first test, explained Mrs Lee, but not the second.
- (f) We just passed a horrible car accident, I told Dad. I saw two ambulances, the police and a fire truck.

Quotation marks can be used for quotations within quotations. Different quotation marks are used for the 'inside quotation'. For example: *'The book I read was "Twilight" and I'm looking forward to the film', I told Jake.*

3. Show the two sets of quotation marks in each sentence.

- (a) Mum said, Be back at five o'clock, I told Oliver's dad.
- (b) Zac said, I don't understand this. It's says here, Write a complex sentence with adjectives.
- (c) Place your feet solidly on the blocks before the starter says, Take your mark! the coach explained.
- (d) Did you actually say, I haven't finished my homework yet? Mum asked.
- (e) I watched the film Australia last night and enjoyed it, Adam said to Trent.
- (f) The title is Jane's promise and it is printed at the top of each page, I told her.

4. The quotation marks are incorrectly placed in each sentence . Write the sentences correctly.

- (a) Do you exercise for 30 minutes every day? "I asked Aunt Amy."

- (b) "The librarian" said, 'You really need to keep the noise down'.

- (c) "The price is expensive, the repairer said," but if you pay cash, "I'll charge 10% less".

5. Use quotation marks and write something:

- (a) a pilot might say to his crew _____
- (b) a customer might ask an assistant _____
- (c) a boss might say to her employee _____

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