

MONDAY 11TH JANUARY

LO: TO USE SPEECH PUNCTUATION CORRECTLY AND APPLY IT IN A DIALOGUE.

LET'S WARM UP OUR BRAINS FIRST!!



Take one sentence

(5 min)

I saw a dog.

1. Past or present?
2. Find the verb.
3. Find the noun.
4. Add adjectives to make the sentence more interesting.
5. Add a fronted adverbial.
6. This sentence could be an answer to what question?
7. Add a conjunction and extend the sentence.

What is a dialogue?

a conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play, or film.



Look at this, correctly punctuated sentence. What do you notice?

“ Have you seen my glasses?” grandma asked.

? ? ?
THOUGHTS?
? ? ?



Every time we want to introduce speech in our writing, we need to follow a set of rules.

Look at my example:

It was a beautiful, sunny spring afternoon. Sarah and her best friend Ben were having a picnic in the local park. They were sat on a soft, red and white blanket that Sarah brought from home. _____^{1.}
^{2.}“^{3.}What a lovely weather, it’s so warm today,” noticed Sarah.^{5.}
“^{4.}Yes, it is! And the sandwiches that your mum made are delicious!” exclaimed Ben.

1. You always start your speech/ dialogue on a new line
2. Use inverted commas (our 66 and 99) to show what the character is saying.
3. Always use a capital letter after the inverted commas.
4. A piece of punctuation is needed BEFORE you close the inverted commas.
5. We need a reporting clause to REPORT what the character is saying.



What piece of punctuation should we put before we close our inverted commas?

If the character is asking a question, we need a **question mark (?)**

“How are you finding your soup, sir?” asked Alfred politely.

“Where is my bunny?” demanded Betty.

If the character is angry, scared or excited, we may put an **exclamation point (!)**

“Be quiet!” yelled the monster.

“We’re having ice-cream!” exclaimed the children happily.

In other cases, we should use a **comma**.

“I can’t join you at the park,” mumbled Jake quietly.

“We saw Darren and Gemma at the swimming pool,” announced mum.



SO BORING

Avoid using 'SAID'



There are so many alternatives!!

declared pleaded *proclaimed*

cried exclaimed **asked** *shouted*

YELLED *replied* ***noticed***

gasped explained *murmured* **mumbled**

whispered **BELLOWED** **demanded** confessed

In a dialogue, you need to move to a new line EVERY TIME a different character speaks.

“What are you having for lunch today?” asked Anu.

“I think that I am having hot dinners,” replied Greisa.

“What about you, Alan?” questioned Anu.

“I brought some sandwiches from home!” exclaimed Alan.

The reporting clause can be placed either before or after speech.



How to convert a telling sentence into a dialogue?

1. The princess wanted to know if the knight would rescue her.

“Are you going to rescue me?” asked the princess.



2. Dad told Kai to put his toys away.

“Can you put your toys away, please?” demanded dad.



3. Konnie told Amaya that she was going to visit her grandma.

“I am going to visit my grandma!” exclaimed Konnie.



For today's work, I would like you to convert the telling sentences into a dialogue.

Please use correct punctuation for speech and remember to always start a new line when a different character is speaking.

You don't have to include the numbers, this whole sheet will create a dialogue between a mother and her child.

The worksheet can be found on our class page.

Dialogue Writing

Read the sentences carefully. Then convert each telling sentence into dialogue.

Example: I asked my mum if we could go to the shop.

"Mum, can we go to the shop?" I asked _____

1. My mum wanted to know why I needed to go to the shop.

2. I told her that I needed to buy some flowers.

3. My mum said we could go, but she wondered whom the flowers were for.

4. I excitedly explained that they were for my teacher because her birthday is tomorrow.

5. My mum told me that this was a very nice idea.

6. I told her we should go now because I wanted to have time to pick out the best flowers.

7. My mum laughed and said she would race me to the car.
