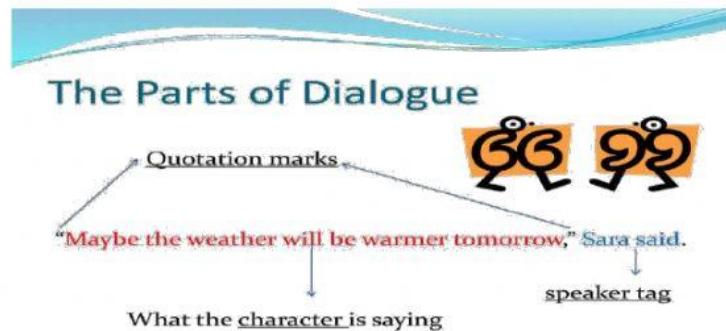


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Subject: Creative Writing Topic: Interesting Introductions: Dialogue

A **dialogue** is a conversation in a story. When you write a dialogue, you are stating a person's exact words. A dialogue can make the story more interesting. It can reveal what the characters think or feel. It also shows what the character is like (personality).



Quotation Marks - use quotation marks to show what was said. Make sure to put the end punctuation in the quotation mark. Use a comma to separate the speaker (tag) from the spoken words.

Example: "Let's go on a treasure hunt", Deondre suggested.

If the dialogue ends with a question mark or exclamation mark, do not use a comma.

Example: "Where did that silly dog go?" Berneisha asked.

"I can't wait for Christmas!" exclaimed Aidan.

When writing a dialogue, start a new paragraph each time a person speaking changes. Do not always use "said." Use other words to keep your dialogue interesting.

Example:

"Hello, what is your name?" the teacher asked.

"My name is Zhivargo", the little boy replied.

"What is your favorite subject," Mrs. McPhee continued.

"I love Math!" Zhivargo responded with excitement.

Other Ways To Say Said

- whispered
- asked
- whined
- grinned
- thought
- bragged
- scolded
- yelled
- exclaimed
- complained
- cried
- moaned
- giggled
- replied
- shrieked
- laughed
- lied
- warned
- demanded
- begged
- argued