



**Week 15**  
**English Mastery**  
**Primary 3/4**

**The Write Tribe**

**PUNCTUATION**

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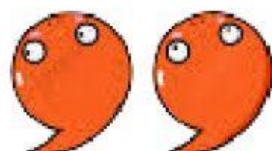
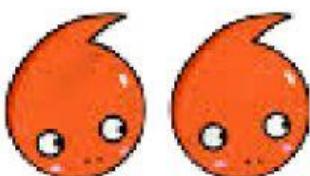


## Writing Dialogues

Dialogues are used to show what a character is saying in a story. It helps your reader connect to the character. However, in a composition, dialogue should be sparingly used.

### EXAMPLE OF A DIALOGUE

“Be quiet! Or they’ll hear us!” whispered Vera.



Hi,  
we are speech  
marks. We always  
stand on the **LEFT** side of  
the dialogue. We are here  
to make dialogues feel  
safe.

Hi,  
we are speech  
marks. We always  
stand on the **RIGHT** side  
of the dialogue. We are  
here to make dialogues  
feel safe.



## Can you identify which one is a dialogue?

A.

Mother told Hunter that his practice had been cancelled.

B.

“Your practice has been cancelled today,” Mom told Hunter.

A.

“Shh! Or they will hear us!” warned Vera.

B.

Vera warned me to keep quiet.

A.

“Walk faster!” hissed Xin Yu impatiently.

B.

Xin Yu hissed at me to walk faster.



## EXAMPLE OF A DIALOGUE

“Be quiet! ” whispered Vera.

Dialogues  
start with the capital  
letter!

Which one is correct?

A.

“You can do this!” cheered  
Mother eagerly

B.

“you can do this!” cheered  
Mother eagerly

A.

“please help me,” begged  
the boy.

B.

“Please help me,” begged  
the boy.

A.

“Be quiet! Or I will send you  
for detention,” screamed  
the teacher.

B.

“Be quiet! or I will send you  
for detention,” screamed  
the teacher.



## EXAMPLE OF A DIALOGUE

“Be quiet,” whispered Vera.

“Be quiet!” whispered Vera.

Whether you use a comma, exclamation mark or a question mark, it comes before the speech marks

**Which one is correct?**

A.

“Help me!” screamed  
Xin yu

B.

“Help me!” screamed  
Xin yu

A.

“Can I have more gruel?”  
begged the orphan.

B.

“Can I have more gruel”?  
begged the orphan.



## Wait ! I have a question?

“Be quiet!” whispered Vera.



Shouldn't it be capitals after an exclamation mark or question mark?



For regular sentences, starting the next sentence with a capital letter is necessary.

John went home. He plopped himself on the couch.



Treat anything within speech marks as separate from the sentence you've written, and make sure it has its own punctuation

“You may go !” Answered Martha.



“You may go !” answered Martha.





However, for full stops, the rules are different. Where you have full stops, they change to commas, and the full stop comes after the dialogue tag.

"The blue one is mine." said Vera.



"The blue one is mine," said Vera.



The full stop changes to a comma.

Instead, you will place the full stop after the dialogue tag.

### Which one is correct?

A.

"Who goes there?"  
Thundered the ginormous giant.

B.

"Who goes there?"  
thundered the ginormous giant.

A.

"Go away!" screamed Shonali.

B.

"Go away!" Screamed Shonali



**A.**

**“Thanks.” beamed John.**

**B.**

**“Thanks,” beamed John.**

**A.**

**“Where are you going?”  
John demanded.**

**B.**

**“Where are you going?”  
john demanded.**

**A.**

**“I’ve not taken it,”she  
quipped.**

**B.**

**“I’ve not taken it.”she  
quipped.**

