Dialogue and Punctuation

Rules:

1. Quotation marks go around all spoken words (also called *dialogue*).
   Example: "I want to visit Australia. Also, I plan to travel to France," said Anna.

2. The first word spoken is capitalized.
   Example: The student exclaimed, "We love making slime!"

3. Punctuation marks at the end of the dialogue go inside the quotation marks.
   Example: "Let's play soccer!" yelled Luis.

4. A comma is used to separate the spoken words from the dialogue tag (the person who is speaking).
   Example: "Please put your books away," said the teacher. She then explained, "It's time for lunch."

Choose the sentence that is written correctly:

1.
   a) John asked, "What time is it?"
   b) "John asked, What time is it?
   c) John asked: "What time is it?"

2.
   a) "Bill told his sister get out of my room!"
   b) Bill told his sister, "Get out of my room!"
   c) Bill told his sister "Get out of my room!"

3.
   a) "There is no more toothpaste" complained Laura.
   b) "There is no more toothpaste complained Laura."
   c) "There is no more toothpaste," complained Laura.

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4.

a) Mom asked, “When are you coming home?”
b) Mom asked: “When are you coming home?”
c) “Mom asked, when are you coming home?”

5.

a) That is too easy! Said Ralynn.
b) “That is too easy!” said Ralynn.
c) “That is too easy! Said Ralynn.”

6.

a) Jacob said: “We need more tape.”
b) Jacob said “We need more tape.”
c) Jacob said, “We need more tape.”

7.

a) “What time does the movie start?” asked Carol.
b) “What time does the movie start asked Carol.”
c) “What time does the movie start?”, asked Carol.

8.

a) I’ll go with you said Luke.
b) “I’ll go with you,” said Luke.
c) “I’ll go with you, said Luke.”

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