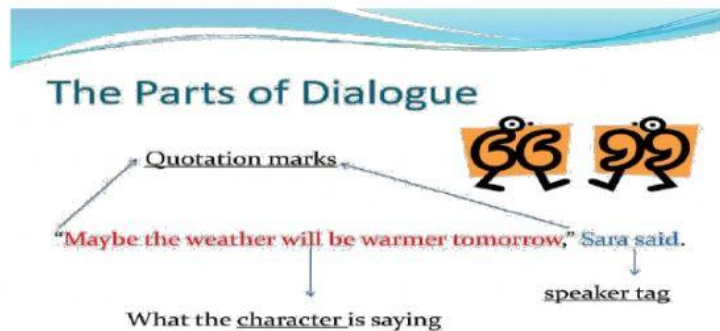


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A **dialogue** is a conversation in a story. When you write a dialogue, you are stating a person's exact words. A dialogue can make the story more interesting. It can reveal what the characters think or feel. It also shows what the character is like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

