

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.

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."