

Dialogue: Find Out About It

Directions:

The teacher will assign you a few selections to look at to answer the following questions.

Placement of Quotation Marks

1. What is the purpose of quotation marks?
2. Where do quotation marks go?
3. Where do the opening quotation marks go?
4. Where do the ending quotation marks go?
5. Where does the period go (in relation to the quotation marks) if the statement ends with a period?
6. Where do the ending quotation marks go if the statement ends with an exclamation mark?
7. Where does a question mark go (in relation to the quotation marks) if it ends with a question?
8. What if the speaker talks using two sentences, where do the beginning & ending quotation marks go?

Placement of Speaker Identification

1. What is the purpose of speaker identification?
2. Where can the speaker identification be placed?
3. How do you punctuate if the speaker identification is at the beginning of the quotation?
4. How do you punctuate if the speaker identification is at the end of the quotation?
5. How do you punctuate if the speaker identification is in the middle of the quotation?
6. When using middle speaker ID, what if the first part of the quotation is a sentence? How do you punctuate?

7. When using middle speaker ID, what if the first part of the quotation is not a sentence? How do you punctuate?
8. Is speaker identification necessary after each time someone speaks?
9. When is speaker identification necessary?

Use of Capitalization & Dialogue

1. Study the use of capital letters in relationship to the use of dialogue. Draw some conclusions about when to capitalize. List them here.

Use of Indentions & Paragraphs in Regards to Dialogue

1. When do you indent?
2. When there are two characters speaking, when do you make a new paragraph (and thus indent)?
3. Study the use of paragraphs and their relationship to use of dialogue. Draw some conclusions and list some guidelines. You may only come up with a couple of guidelines.