



ELA Virtual Learning

4th Grade Grammar

Punctuating Dialogue

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Lesson: 04/08/2020

Learning Target:

Students will punctuate dialogue between two or more characters.

Background: This is a review lesson

- Students learn to use dialogue with quotation marks in 2nd grade
- Students learn to use commas and quotation marks in dialogue in 3rd grade
- Students learn to punctuate dialogue with two or more characters in 4th grade

Let's Get Started:

Watch Videos:

1. [BrainPop Video](#)
2. [YouTube Video](#)



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What do you notice?

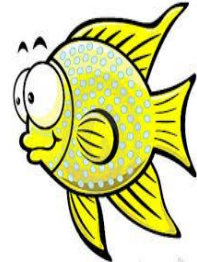


The seagull asked, "Why don't we eat only foods that begin with the letter *a* tonight?"

The fish answered, "Absolutely! Let's have avocado salad, artichokes, and acorn squash."

"We can drink apricot juice," added the gull.

"How about apples for dessert?" asked the fish.



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Using Dialogue

You may have noticed three different types of punctuation in the sentences. Below, you will find the three main types of dialogue:

Statement: "We could have almonds," the fish said.

Question: "What about asparagus?" asked the gull.

Exclamation: "Angleworms are tasty!" cried the fish.

Today, we will focus on practicing punctuating dialogue with statements.

Practice #1:

Where does the correct punctuation go?

Think back to the video.

- The comma separates the spoken words from the dialogue tag.

"I want a blue balloon" said Sally.

- a) "I want a blue, ballon" said Sally.
- b) "I want a blue balloon," said Sally.
- c) "I want a blue balloon", said Sally.

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B is the correct answer because the quotations are around the spoken words and the comma is before the last quotation mark.

Practice #2:

Where does the correct punctuation go?

Think back to the video.

- The comma separates the spoken words from the dialogue tag.
- Quotation marks go around spoken words

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- b) "It's time to get a new bed, answered" Gary.
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C is the correct answer because the quotations are around the spoken words and the comma is before the last quotation mark.

Practice #3:

Where does the correct punctuation go?

Think back to the video.

- The comma separates the spoken words from the dialogue tag.
- Quotation marks go around spoken words

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- a) “February has 28 days,” said Jay.
- b) “February has 28 days”, said Jay.
- c) “February has 28 days, said Jay.”

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February has 28 days said Jay.

- a) “February has 28 days,” said Jay.
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- c) “February has 28 days, said Jay.”



A is the correct answer because the quotations are around the spoken words and the comma is before the last quotation mark.

Practice on your own:

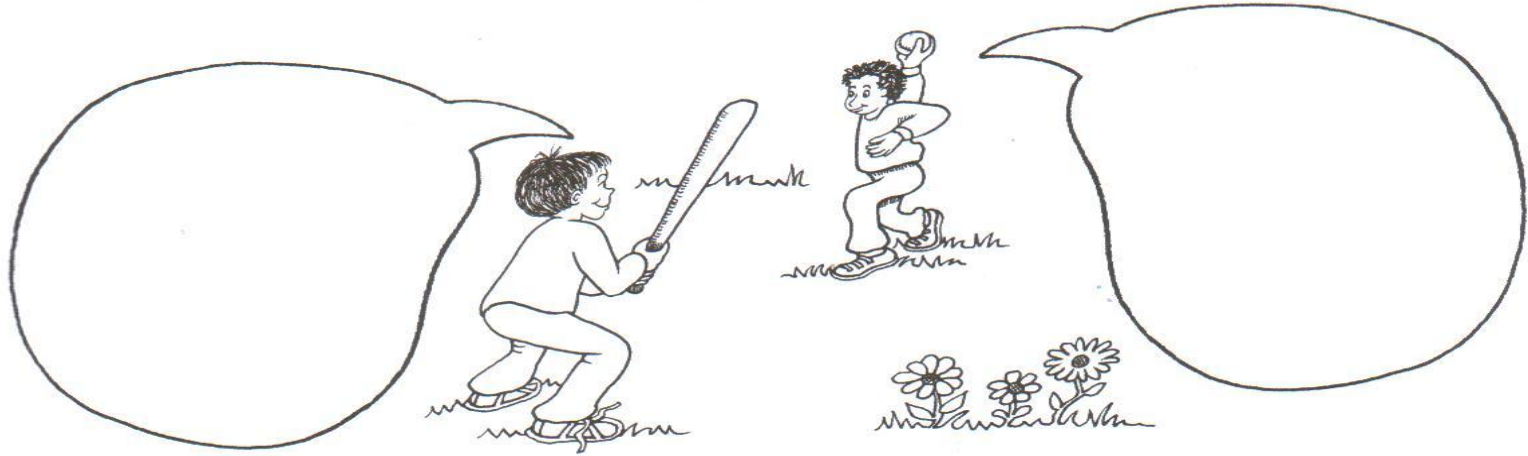
On paper, write down what you think the two boys are saying using correct punctuation.

“ ”

“ Speech Marks ”

“ ”

What do you think the two boys are saying?



Now write the conversation as sentences. Remember to say who is speaking and to use the correct punctuation.

More Practice:

Click the image below to play an online game! Use your knowledge of punctuating dialogues to gain fame and fortune. Choose carefully- one answer and the game is over!

The image shows a game interface with an orange background. At the top left, a yellow box contains the instruction: "Click to choose the correctly written sentence. Be careful!". Below this are four yellow buttons labeled A, B, C, and D, each containing a sentence with a missing comma. To the right is a vertical stack of green dollar amounts: \$1,000,000, \$500,000, \$250,000, \$128,000, \$64,000, \$32,000, \$16,000, \$8,000, \$4,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000. A yellow bar highlights the \$500 amount. At the bottom right are three circular buttons labeled "Hint".

Click to choose the correctly written sentence.
Be careful!

A "Let's find out more about the bald eagle," said Alan.

B "Let's find out more about the bald eagle," said Alan.

C "Let's find out more about the bald eagle" said Alan.

D "Let's find out more about the bald eagle?" said Alan

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Extra Practice:

Make your own comic!

- Using what you know about dialogue, you can create a comic at home!
- Take a piece of paper and fold it in half both ways to create four squares. You can use a black marker to divide the squares.
- Create dialogue using statements between two characters on the squares using correct punctuation.

Self Check:

Go tell someone in your home your answers.



1. Was this lesson?

- easy,
- just right
- hard

2. Find dialogue within a text that has a statement.