

Punctuating Dialogue

Grade 4 • ELA • Using quotation marks and commas in written dialogue • Standards: 4.L.2

Rewrite each sentence below, adding quotation marks, commas, and end punctuation in the correct places to show dialogue.

1. I love pizza said Marco
2. The teacher asked Where is your homework
3. Let's go to the park suggested Emma
4. My mom said We need to leave soon
5. Are you ready for the test asked Mr. Chen
6. I can't find my backpack complained Jasmine
7. Watch out for that puddle shouted Ben
8. Maya whispered I think I hear something outside
9. Did you finish your chores yet Mom asked
10. This is the best day ever exclaimed Riley
11. The coach announced Practice is canceled today due to rain
12. How many more minutes until lunch wondered Tyler

Answer Key — Punctuating Dialogue

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. "I love pizza," said Marco. *(The spoken words need quotation marks, a comma before the closing quotation mark, and a period at the end.)*
2. The teacher asked, "Where is your homework?" *(A comma follows 'asked,' and the question mark goes inside the quotation marks.)*
3. "Let's go to the park," suggested Emma. *(The spoken words need quotation marks, a comma before the closing quotation mark, and a period at the end.)*
4. My mom said, "We need to leave soon." *(A comma follows 'said,' and the period goes inside the quotation marks.)*
5. "Are you ready for the test?" asked Mr. Chen. *(The question mark goes inside the quotation marks, followed by the dialogue tag.)*
6. "I can't find my backpack," complained Jasmine. *(The spoken words need quotation marks, a comma before the closing quotation mark, and a period at the end.)*
7. "Watch out for that puddle!" shouted Ben. *(The exclamation mark goes inside the quotation marks because the dialogue is an exclamation.)*
8. Maya whispered, "I think I hear something outside." *(A comma follows 'whispered,' and the period goes inside the quotation marks.)*
9. "Did you finish your chores yet?" Mom asked. *(The question mark goes inside the quotation marks, and the sentence ends with a period.)*
10. "This is the best day ever!" exclaimed Riley. *(The exclamation mark goes inside the quotation marks because the dialogue shows strong emotion.)*
11. The coach announced, "Practice is canceled today due to rain." *(A comma follows 'announced,' and the period goes inside the quotation marks.)*
12. "How many more minutes until lunch?" wondered Tyler. *(The question mark goes inside the quotation marks, and the sentence ends with a period.)*