"And You Can Quote Me on That!"

Writing Dialogue:

Writers use quotation marks to write dialogue, or a conversation between two or more people. Dialogue draws the reader deeper into your story and brings it to life!

How to Write Dialogue Using Quotation Marks

Writers use quotation marks and punctuation to show what a speaker says.
The quotation marks signal the speaker's exact words.

Example:

Mike said, "I sent you a birthday card! Did you get it?"

"Not yet. The mail doesn't get delivered on Sundays. Hopefully, I'll receive it tomorrow," answered Teenie.

Note:

Notice that the quotation marks go outside the exact words that are spoken, as well as outside the end punctuation.

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Practice 1:

Read the conversation between Mike and Teenie below. Put quotation marks before and after the exact words that Mike and Teenie said.

Mike said, "Oh, that's too bad! I was hoping you would get it in time for your birthday party today."

"That's okay, Mike. It's the thought that counts," Teenie replied, smiling.

Practice 2:   Students' answers will vary.

Read the speech balloons below and then write what Mike and Teenie said next, using quotation marks correctly.

Yes, but your present was also in the envelope!

Oh! Well, don't worry about it, Mickey. Can you tell me what the gift is?

Mike exclaimed, **"It's a drawing!"** _____

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Teenie said, **"That's so thoughtful. I love art. Thank you!"** _____

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Practice 3:

Later that day, after Teenie's birthday party, Mike and Teenie are talking. This time, you decide what they say. Make sure to use quotation marks correctly.

Mike said, **"So many people made it to your party! Did you have fun?"**

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Teenie answered, **"Yes! I had so much fun. I'm glad everyone was able to eat cake and play games. I hope everyone enjoyed the party as much as I did."**

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Mike said, **"Well, I think it was a hit. It was definitely a great party. It's just too bad we'll have to wait for your birthday card to arrive!"**

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