

Lesson 49: Quotations

- **Quotation** – a speaker’s or writer’s exact words

Quotation Rules

1. **Dialogue** – put quotation marks before and after what someone says. ALWAYS capitalize the first word.

Example: Mrs. Wilkie says, “Let’s take notes.”

2. **If Quotation comes at the end of a sentence:**

- use a comma BEFORE the quotation
- the end punctuation goes INSIDE the quotation mark

Example: Angie exclaimed, “I want recess!”

3. **If Quotation comes at the beginning of a sentence:**

- **Statement or Command**

- comma goes INSIDE quotation mark

Example: “I’m hungry,” Caielle said.

Example: “Then eat your banana,” Tehillah responded.

- **Question or Exclamation**

- question mark or exclamation goes INSIDE quotation mark

Example: “Who left a mess in my desk?” Brianna asked.

Example: Catherine exclaimed, “There’s a banana peel in my desk!”

4. **NOT exact words: (paraphrase)**

No quotation marks

Example: Briana said, “I want to eat an apple.”

vs.

Briana said that she wants to eat an apple.