

Punctuating Dialogue

When you write **dialogue**, or use direct quotations, put quotation marks around what the person says. Remember to use a comma inside the quotation marks before you identify the speaker.

"Mario is learning how to play the guitar," said Tameka.

If the speaker asks a question, use a question mark.

"Do you know how to play guitar?" he asked.

Sometimes you identify the speaker between two complete sentences in a direct quotation. Remember to begin each sentence with a capital letter.

"Mario is here," Tameka said. **"He brought his guitar."**

If the speaker is identified in the middle of a sentence, begin the second part with a lower-case letter.

"Mario is here," Tameka said, **"and he brought his guitar."**

Remember to use punctuation at the end of the sentence.

Write the direct quotations using correct punctuation and capitalization.

1. look at the zebra Jenny said. _____

2. do you see any lions asked Carlos. _____

3. no Jenny said but I do see a giraffe _____

4. giraffes are cool Carlos said they run fast _____