

# Quotation Marks

# Direct Quotations

- Use quotation marks at the beginning and end of a direct quotation
- Use commas to set off explanatory words at the beginning, middle or end of the sentence.

Ex. Mark said, "She also wrote about an early computer."

Ex. "She also," Mark said, "wrote about an early computer."

Ex. "She also wrote about an early computer," Mark said.

# Direct Quotations

- If a quotation is a question or an exclamation, place the question mark or exclamation point inside the closing quotation marks.

Ex. "Why is the sky blue?" Alice asked.

# Quotations in Dialogue

- You must start a new paragraph and use a new set of quotation marks when a NEW speaker begins talking.

Ex. The boy was probably 12 years old but undersized. He wore overalls and a torn shirt and was barefoot.

He said, "I can chop some wood today."

I said, "But I have a boy coming from the orphanage."

"I am the boy," he said.

"You? But, you're small."

"Size doesn't matter, chopping wood," he said.

# Indirect Quotations

- Do not use quotation marks to set off an indirect quotation.

**Direct:** Todd said, "The name of one of the first electronic computers was ENIAC."

**Indirect:** Todd said that one of the first electronic computers was named ENIAC.

# Your Turn

- Pick one of the pairs below and write a conversation between them, using quotation marks and other punctuation properly. It must be 5 sentences at least!
- Police officer and speeder
- Teacher and student late for class
- Coach and baseball player who just struck out
- Parent and teen asking to go to a party
- Parent and teen shopping