

Lesson 39: Quotation Marks**PLL PART TWO****Golden Rule of Punctuation**

What are Quotation Marks? The little marks that inclose the exact words of another, are called quotation marks.

How to Use: Put “ when someone begins to speak, and ” when they finish!

1 DIALOGUE MODEL — STUDY THE INVERTED COMMAS

1. “Name the parts of an orange,” said Ida.
2. “It has a peel, pulp, and seeds,” said Clara.

Notice the little comma before the closing quotation mark in each sentence.

2 HANDWRITING & PUNCTUATION PRACTICE — COPY THE SENTENCES

Copy each sentence with great care, minding every quotation mark, comma, and capital letter:

1. “Name the parts of an orange,” said Ida.

Line 2:

2. “It has a peel, pulp, and seeds,” said Clara.

Line 2:

3 ORIGINAL COMPOSITION — WRITE SPOKEN WORDS

Write two sentences of dialogue, inclosing the exact words spoken in quotation marks:

3.

Line 2:

4.

Line 2:

Direct Discourse Foundation

Introducing Quotation Marks to Young Learners: Direct quotation marks are first presented visually as "inverted commas" opening speech (") and standard closing commas ("). Train children to identify the boundary between the speaker's exact words and the narrator's tag (*said Ida, said Clara*).

Key SECTION 2: STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS & MECHANICS

1. "Name the parts of an orange," said Ida.

- *Opening Quote:* Precedes the capital letter **N** in *Name*.
- *Terminal Comma:* Placed **inside** the closing quotation mark after *orange*.
- *Dialogue Tag:* Lowercase *said*, followed by capitalized proper noun **Ida** and a period.

2. "It has a peel, pulp, and seeds," said Clara.

- *Opening Quote:* Precedes capital **I** in *It*.
- *Series Commas:* Note the commas separating items in a series (*peel, pulp, and seeds*).
- *Closing Quote:* Encloses the comma after *seeds*.
- *Dialogue Tag:* *said Clara*, with capitalized **Clara** and a period.

Model SECTION 3: EXEMPLAR STUDENT DIALOGUE SENTENCES

- *Exemplar 1:* "The robin has built a nest in the tree," said Arthur.
- *Exemplar 2:* "May I have a ripe red apple?" asked Rose.
- *Exemplar 3:* "The stars shine brightly tonight," whispered mother.

Evaluation Focus	Exemplary (Proficient)	Developing (Needs Support)
Quotation Mark Placement	Opening (") and closing (") quotation marks perfectly frame exact spoken words; comma placed inside quotes.	Places quotation marks after dialogue tags or omits closing marks.
Capitalization & Proper Names	First spoken word capitalized; proper nouns <i>Ida</i> and <i>Clara</i> capitalized; dialogue tag in lowercase.	Capitalizes <i>said</i> or leaves <i>Ida/Clara</i> lowercase.
Dialogue Construction	Composes two original, sensible sentences of direct speech with correct attribution tags.	Produces simple statements without quotation marks or speakers.