

Answer Key

“ “ Quotation Marks Rules ” ”

Use quotation marks when you are quoting what someone else said or wrote. Follow these tips to help you use quotation marks correctly.

- Capitalize the first letter of the quoted text.
- When dialogue is used at the end of a sentence, use a comma before the quotation begins.
- When dialogue is used at the beginning of a sentence, use a comma before the quotation ends if the sentence is a statement. If the sentence is a question, use a question mark. If the sentence is an exclamation, use an exclamation point.
- At the end of the quoted sentence, keep the punctuation mark inside the end quotation mark.

EXAMPLE: My mom asked, “Would you like to go see the big game this weekend?”

Directions: Place quotation marks and proper punctuation in each sentence below.

1. The coach said, “Don’t be nervous, just try your best.”
2. “Can we get nachos and cotton candy?” Barbara asked.
3. “I wish I could play baseball professionally,” he thought out loud.
4. “What time would you like me to pick you up?” my sister asked, “and where?”
5. “Please lower your voices to a whisper,” the librarian asked us.
6. “Strike!” the umpire exclaimed.
7. Before we left the house, my dad said, “Don’t forget to wear your baseball cap.”
8. “I would like to thank my family for all their support,” the Nobel laureate said.
9. “Which subway line goes to Central Park?” the tourist inquired.
10. “Turn off your cellphones inside the theater,” the usher advised.