



Quotation Marks & Periods

Quotation marks always come in pairs. You need one set of quotation marks at the beginning of the title or quote, and one at the end. **Periods** are not always used with quotation marks. They are only used when the phrase in the quotes is a full sentence.

Dialogue

In writing, when two characters are speaking, put quotation marks at the beginning and end of each phrase that is spoken. You place a period inside of the quotation marks if the phrase is a full sentence. If the sentence is completed outside of the quotation marks, the period goes on the outside.

For example:

"I went to the park on Saturday," said Ben.

and Ben said, "I went to the park on Saturday."

Titles

When writing the title of songs, the title is surrounded by quotation marks. Periods are never inside the quotation marks when using them for titles.

For example:

I'm listening to the song "Daisy Bell" by Henry Dacre.

Directions: Insert the quotation marks and periods in the appropriate spots in the sentences below.

1. "I don't want to go to school tomorrow," whined Tommy.
2. Stacy said to Tina, "I hate the color pink."
3. Robert won't stop singing the song "Flying Trapeze" by Alfred Lee.
4. Julia said, "I don't like carrots," when her babysitter cooked them for dinner.
5. "Can we eat ice cream with sprinkles for dessert tonight?" asked Lou.
6. We sang the "Star Spangled Banner" before the championship baseball game.
7. "Please turn the television off," my mother said.
8. "Look!" I yelled. "Did you see the monkey swing from that tree?"