How to Write Dialogue

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Dialogue is when two or more characters in a story speak to each other.
Choose one of the situations below and write dialogue between two speakers. Go back and forth so each speaker has at least six turns.

Situations
- Two animals at the zoo are talking about the human visitors who are looking at them.
- Someone is trying to convince their mom to let them have a sleepover with a friend.
- Two friends are discussing a movie they watched together at the theater.

There are two ways to indicate who is speaking.

A. Say their names

OR

B. Start a new paragraph each time a different person starts speaking.

Examples

A.
"Hey, Noah!" shouted Bianca, "Come sit with us!"
Noah jogged over and asked, "What are you eating?"

B.
"Hawaiian pizza with olives, my favorite."
"Gross! I only like pepperoni."

Punctuation Reminder!
Remember to put everything people say in quotation marks. Question marks and periods go inside the quotation marks too.

Now it's your turn!

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