# "And You Can Quote Me on That!"

### Writing Dialogue:

Writers use quotation marks to write dialogue, or a conversation between two or more people. Dialogue draws the reader deeper into your story and brings it to life!

## How to Write Dialogue Using Quotation Marks

Writers use quotation marks and punctuation to show what a speaker says. The quotation marks signal the speaker's exact words.

## Example:

Mike said, "I sent you a birthday card! Did you get it?"

Not yet. The mail doesn't get delivered on Sundays. Hopefully, I'll receive it tomorrow, answered Teenie.

#### Note:

Notice that the quotation marks go outside the exact words that are spoken, as well as outside the end punctuation.

#### Practice 1:

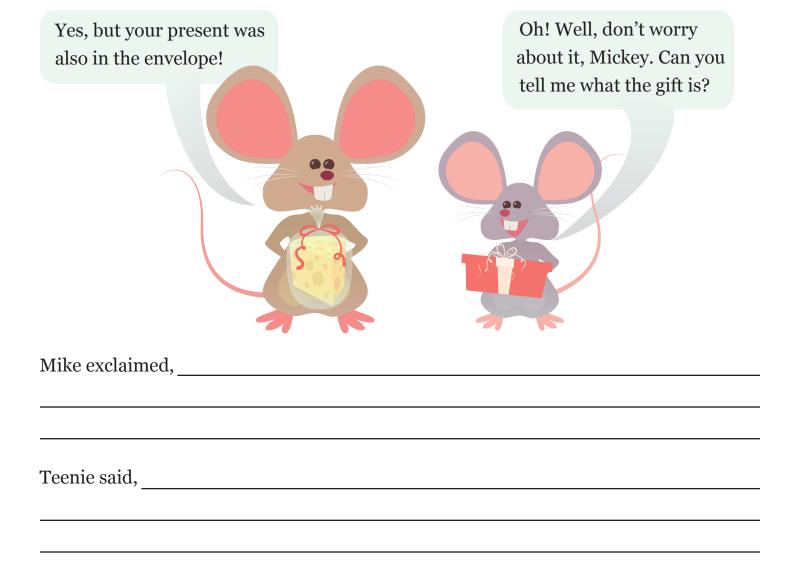
Read the conversation between Mike and Teenie below. Put quotation marks before and after the exact words that Mike and Teenie said.

Mike said, Oh, that's too bad! I was hoping you would get it in time for your birthday party today.

That's okay, Mike. It's the thought that counts, Teenie replied, smiling.

#### Practice 2:

Read the speech balloons below and then write what Mike and Teenie said next, using quotation marks correctly.



# Practice 3:

Later that day, after Teenie's birthday party, Mike and Teenie are talking. This time, you decide what they say. Make sure to use quotation marks correctly.

Mike said,			
Teenie answered,			
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Mike said,			

