Quotation Marks

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Quotation marks show the <u>exact words</u> that a speaker says.

Example:

Kara said, "I like my new room."

"I like my new room," Kara said.

Commas and Apostrophes

Kara said, "I like my new room."

Step 1: If the person is <u>identified first</u>, put a comma <u>after</u> the <u>speaking/talking</u> word.

Step 2: Put two apostrophes (call them quotation marks) before the first word spoken and quotation marks after the last word spoken. The first word after quotation marks is always capitalized even if it's not a proper noun. (It could be a sentence all by itself.) Quotation marks are always added after the punctuation mark at the end of a sentence.

Commas and Apostrophes

"I like my new room," Kara said.

Step 1: If the person is <u>identified last</u>, <u>start</u> the sentence with two apostrophes (call them quotation marks).

Step 2: After the last word is said, put a punctuation mark (usually a comma) and then add the second set of quotation marks. Punctuation still needs to be added to the <u>end</u> of the sentence.

Practice, Practice, Practice!

- Susie said Don't play with my doll
- Mike cried He won't play with me
- Matthew screamed I had a bad dream
- Sylvia whined He's already gone
- Teresa said Will you play with me
- Will said I want to play my guitar
- Abbie asked Will you play tag with me.