



## Using punctuation for direct speech

### Today's Standard

4.L.2b - Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing dialogue in stories; Quoting text in book reports; Recording conversations in interviews; Creating scripts for plays; Citing sources in essays

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use commas and quotation marks to show when someone is talking or when we use exact words from a book.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Kids might think quotation marks are only for talking parts, but they are also for quoting books. They might also put commas outside the quotation marks, but commas should go inside.

### Quiz Me

- What are quotation marks used for?
- Where do commas go when using quotation marks?
- Can you use quotation marks for things other than talking?
- How do you show someone is speaking in your writing?
- What should you remember about commas and quotation marks?

### Help Me

Quotation marks help us show when someone is talking or when we use exact words from a book. For example, if you write a story with characters talking, you use quotation marks to show who is speaking. When you quote a book, you also use quotation marks. Remember, commas go inside the quotation marks in American English. This helps make your writing clear and easy to read.