

Put quotation marks around the exact words that a character is saying.

" We are here."

Add a **tag line** either before or after the direct quote.

The **tag line** ALWAYS ends with punctuation (either a comma or a period).

Mary said, "We are here."

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Something to remember:

You CANNOT have 2 periods in the same direct quote!

The **period within the quotation marks** may need to be **changed to a comma**.

Sue said, "We are here." tag line punct is comma, so direct quote period is ok!

"We are here," Sue said. tag line punct is period, so direct quote period must be a comma!

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Tom said I ate the cookie

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I ate the cookie said Tom

I ate the cookie said Tom and it was delicious

I ate the cookie said Tom It was a great dessert

Tom asked Do you like cookies

Do you like cookies asked Tom

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