

Read and Discover

Brigid asked, "Is Australia a continent or an island?"
Arthur explained that it is both.

Underline the sentence that shows a speaker's exact words. Circle the marks that begin and end this quotation. Circle the first letter of the quotation.

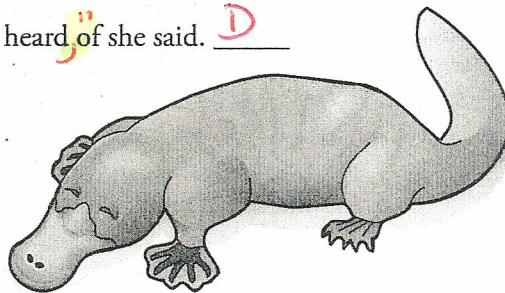
A **direct quotation** is a speaker's exact words. Use **quotation marks** at the beginning and end of a direct quotation. Use a comma to separate the speaker's exact words from the rest of the sentence. Begin a direct quotation with a capital letter. Add end punctuation (period, question mark, exclamation point, or comma in place of a period) before the last quotation mark. An **indirect quotation** is a retelling of a speaker's words. Do not use quotation marks when the words *that* or *whether* come before a speaker's words.

See Handbook Sections 4, 6

Part 1

Write *I* after each indirect quotation and *D* after each direct quotation. Then add quotation marks, commas, and end marks to direct quotations. Draw three lines (≡) under lowercase letters that should be capitalized.

- "Australia is the smallest continent," said Arthur. D
- Ms. Wetzel added that Australia is the only continent that is also a country. I
- Look at Australia on the map, she said. D
- She asked why do you think Australia is called *the land down under*? D
- "It's in the Southern Hemisphere," Ramón replied. D
- Ms. Wetzel explained that many unusual creatures live in Australia. I
- "Wallabies, wombats, and bandicoots are three you may have heard of," she said. D
- Andre asked what's a wallaby? D
- Ramón explained that a wallaby is a marsupial similar to a kangaroo. I
- He added the wombat is also a marsupial, but you might mistake it for a bear cub. D
- "A bandicoot looks something like a rat," he continued. D
- Ms. Wetzel said that the Australian emu is one of the world's largest birds. I
- "I read that the platypus is a mammal that lays eggs," Randall said. D
- "This ability makes the platypus unique among mammals," Ms. Wetzel replied. D
- Randall asked whether any living animals are related to the platypus. I
- "The platypus is a monotreme, a primitive mammal," said Ms. Wetzel, "and so is the echidna, a spiny anteater that lives in Australia, Tasmania, and New Guinea." D



The platypus has a bill like a duck and fur like a beaver.