

A lesson in
WRITING
DIALOG



What is a dialog?

A dialog (or dialogue) is a conversation between two or more characters.



In a story, all words spoken by a character are surrounded by quotation marks.

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"I love carrots."



Always indent when a new character speaks.

- "Look," cried Bambi, "see that piece of grass jumping. Look how high it can jump!"
- "That's not grass," his mother explained, "that's a nice grasshopper."
- "Oh," said Bambi politely, "you don't have to be afraid; we won't hurt you."
- "Not at all," the grasshopper quavered.

Every quotation begins with a capital letter.

"Yes, I am the one who ate the chocolate cake," admitted Riley.



When the quotation is interrupted, the second part begins with a lowercase letter.

"I'm tired," Jordan yawned, "so I am going to bed."

