Punctuating Dialogue

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Quotation marks go around the exact words someone says. Start the spoken words with a capital, and put the comma or end mark **inside** the closing quotation marks: "*I'm ready,*" *said Ava.*

Pattern 1: "*Let's go,*" *said Mom.* **Pattern 2:** *Mom said,* "*Let's go.*"



1. Which one is punctuated correctly?

Circle the sentence with correct dialogue punctuation.

1. Pick the correct one.

(a) "It's my turn," said Jay.
(b) "It's my turn" said Jay.
(c) "It's my turn," said Jay".

2. Pick the correct one.

(a) Grandma asked "are you hungry?"
(b) Grandma asked, "Are you hungry?"
(c) Grandma asked, "are you hungry"?

3. Pick the correct one.

(a) "Look at that rainbow!" shouted Zoe.
(b) "Look at that rainbow"! shouted Zoe.
(c) Look at that rainbow! "shouted Zoe."

4. Pick the correct one.

(a) Mr. Lee said, "open your books."
(b) Mr. Lee said "Open your books".
(c) Mr. Lee said, "Open your books."

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2. Add the punctuation

Rewrite each sentence. Add quotation marks, commas, capitals and end marks.

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2. Dad said it is time for bed

3. can I borrow a pencil asked Nina

4. I love this song said Kai

5. the teacher asked who wants to read first

Answer Key

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- b Mr. Lee said "Open your books".
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2. Add the punctuation

These are the correct answers.

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