Writing Dialogue

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Dialogue is what characters say. Put the spoken words inside **quotation marks**. Start with a capital, and put the comma or end mark **inside** the quotation marks: "*Let's go,*" *said Mia.*

Instead of said: whispered, shouted, asked, giggled, groaned, cried, replied, mumbled



1. Which one is correct?

Circle the sentence with the dialogue punctuated correctly.

1. A statement

(a) "I'm hungry," said Leo.
(b) "I'm hungry", said Leo.
(c) I'm hungry, "said Leo."

2. A question

(a) Mom asked, "where are my keys?"
(b) Mom asked, "Where are my keys?"
(c) Mom asked "Where are my keys"?

3. An exclamation

(a) "Watch out"! yelled Sam.
(b) "Watch out! yelled Sam."
(c) "Watch out!" yelled Sam.

2. Choose a speaking verb

Circle the verb that fits best.

1. "Shh, the baby is asleep," Dad _____. — shouted / whispered / cheered
2. "We won!" the team _____. — mumbled / sighed / cheered
3. "What time is it?" Ava _____. — asked / laughed / groaned

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3. Write a conversation

Two friends find a mysterious box. Write what they say. Start a new line each time a new person speaks.

Write at least six lines of dialogue. Use quotation marks and a different speaking verb each time.

Check: ☐ Quotation marks ☐ Commas and end marks inside ☐ New line for each speaker ☐ Interesting speaking verbs

Answer Key

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2. "We won!" the team **cheered**. — mumbled | sighed | **cheered**
3. "What time is it?" Ava **asked**. — **asked** | laughed | groaned

Model Answer

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A model answer to share with students. Their writing will be different.

"Look at this!" shouted Nia, pointing under the slide.

"It's just an old box," Omar replied.

"But it's humming," Nia whispered.

Omar leaned closer. "Should we open it?" he asked.

"Only if you go first," Nia giggled.

"Fine," Omar mumbled, and slowly lifted the lid.