

Rule 22

A direct quotation has specific rules of punctuation and capitalization.

- **Quotation marks** are placed before and after a speaker's exact words.

"What a wonderful surprise!" exclaimed Mr. Chang.

"Did you make that mess in the kitchen?" asked Dwight's mother.

- Capitalize the first word of each sentence in a quotation.

Roberto chanted, "We won the game! We won the game!"

"You boys should be very proud of yourselves," the coach remarked.

"You have practiced very hard."

- We usually use a comma to separate the quotation from the rest of the sentence.

"This is a good book," stated Tony.

Tony stated, "This is a good book."

Quotation Marks

Name _____

Add Quotation Marks



Add quotation marks to these sentences. Underline the speaker.

1. Tom asked, Did you write this story, Jim?
2. Yes, Jim replied. It was an assignment for English class.
3. It is a very good story, Jim, Tom said. Do you mind if I share it with my friends?
4. While smiling shyly, Jim stammered, That would be fine, Tom.
5. Would you like to come to my birthday party, Shelly? asked Katie.
6. That would be fun, Shelly responded. What would you like as a gift?
7. I like arts and crafts supplies, Katie replied.
8. Then I know just the gift for you! Shelly exclaimed.
9. Where have you been? complained Jacob. We have all been waiting for you!
10. I had to take care of my little brother, Tyler explained.
11. Oh, I forgot about that! Nelson said. I was supposed to tell you that before, Jacob. I'm sorry
I forgot to relay your message, Tyler.
12. That's okay, said Tyler. I'm here now, so let's start the movie.