

# Quotation Marks 1

What do **quotation marks** mark? They mark the exact words a person speaks. They are also used to mark the titles of songs, poems, short stories, articles, and so on. (See *Write Source* page 494.)

## Example

“Hi,” Angelo said. “Where are you going?”



## Directions

Add quotation marks where they are needed in the following sentences. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. Ricardo said, “I’m going to the library. Do you want to come?”
2. No, I answered. But will you check out a book for me?
3. Sure, Ricardo said. What book do you want?
4. I asked for any book that included nature poems like the poem Birdfoot’s Grampa or the poem Something Told the Wild Geese.
5. Here are some great poems by Joseph Bruchac, Ricardo said.
6. I told him I hadn’t read any of Joseph Bruchac’s poems yet, but I saw one called The Song of Small Things in my literature book.
7. Be sure to read it, Ric said. It’s awesome!
8. I will, I said. If all the poems are about nature, I’ll like them!

**The Next Step** Write down a conversation you and a friend have had about school, sports, books, or movies. Be sure to use quotation marks correctly.

## Quotation Marks 2

**Quotation marks** are used to set off dialogue. (See the “Sample Dialogue” in *Write Source* on page 109 and also see page 494.)

**Example** “Soccer is my favorite sport,” Maria said.

### Directions

Rewrite the dialogue below about a soccer game. Add quotation marks where they are needed. Also start a new paragraph each time a different person speaks.

Did you see the game yesterday? Rodrigo shouted as he jogged up the steps leading to the art room. Yeah, it was great! Maria shouted back. I didn't think we had a chance. I mean, two goals to zero with only two minutes—I know! Rodrigo interrupted. I switched the channel twice before I realized what was happening. What a rally! Now it's the semifinals against Brazil, whispered Maria as they headed for their seats in the front row.

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