

## Punctuate Dialogue

In dialogue, quotation marks set off a speaker's exact words.

If the speaker is identified before the dialogue, place a comma after the speaker's verb of speech (for example, **said**). Place periods inside quotation marks.

**The tour guide said, "Welcome to the museum."**

If the speaker is identified after the dialogue, place a comma inside the final quotation mark.

**"I think you will enjoy the exhibits," he said.**

If the dialogue itself includes a question mark or an exclamation point, place it inside the final quotation mark and drop the comma.

**"Have you seen the new exhibit?" he asked Mariah.**

**Circle the sentence that has incorrect punctuation.**

**Rewrite the sentence, punctuating the dialogue correctly.**

1. "Can I borrow a pen?" asked Lily. Anton replied, "You can have this one".

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2. Mom asked, "What time is it?" "It's after four", I told her.

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3. "We won"! Sayeed shouted. "I knew we could do it!" I said.

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4. Mr. Pool said, "Let's go to the store now." "I'd rather go later", Mrs. Pool said.

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5. "Are you ready yet"? Lee asked. "I need five more minutes," Jayden said.

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# Complete Sentences

A complete sentence contains a subject and a verb and expresses a complete thought. A sentence fragment is missing a subject or a verb or both, so it does not express a complete thought.

**Fragment:** Set behind the hills.

**Complete Sentence:** The evening sun set behind the hills.

**Circle the word or phrase that is missing from the sentence fragment. Then rewrite each complete sentence correctly.**

1. The Colorado River.

runs through the Grand Canyon                      a national park

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2. Are nocturnal, which means they are active at night.

all bats                      sleeps during the day

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3. The Australian koala.

is a fussy eater                      kangaroos and wombats

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4. Earth's tides.

a lunar eclipse                      are caused by the moon

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5. Different kinds of animals.

live in the Arctic                      many natural resources

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