

Quotations and Quotation Marks

A speaker's exact words are called a **quotation**. When you write a quotation, use **quotation marks** (“ ”) at the beginning and end of the speaker's exact words.

Begin the quotation with a capital letter.

- If the quotation comes last in a sentence, use a comma to separate it from the rest of the sentence: Orville announced, “We are making a flying machine.”
- If the quotation comes first, use a comma, question mark, or exclamation mark to separate the quotation from the rest of the sentence: “What a ridiculous idea!” a friend remarked.
- Place the end punctuation mark of a quotation before the closing quotation mark: “Don't you think we can do it?” asked Wilbur.

Directions Underline the sentence in each pair that uses quotation marks correctly.

1. “Let's try bending the wings,” Wilbur suggested.
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2. “Why would we do that asked Orville?”
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3. Then our glider can circle like a bird, “said Wilbur.”
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Directions Rewrite each sentence. Add quotation marks and other correct punctuation.

4. Why were the Wright brothers so successful I asked our teacher

5. She paused and said Maybe because they tested everything

6. Then she added They just wouldn't accept failure
