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Tips for Writing Dialogue:

1) Quotation marks go at the beginning and at the end of spoken words.

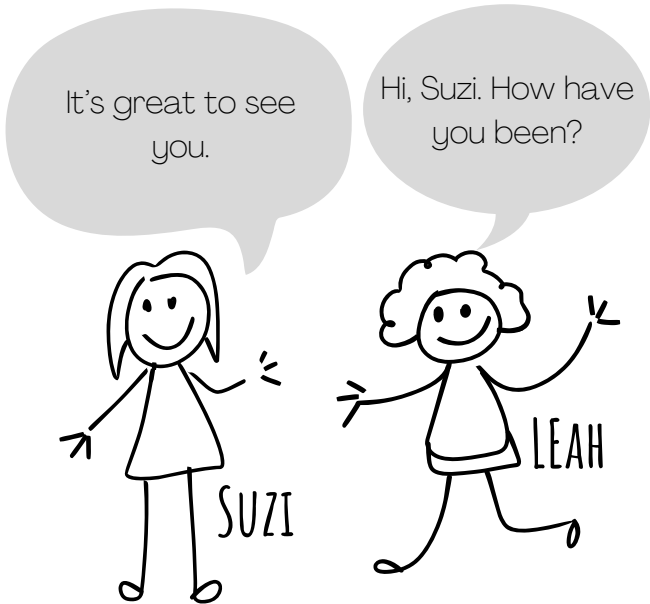
2) All punctuation goes inside the quotation marks.

3) Every time someone new speaks, you begin a new paragraph.

4) If you start with the dialogue tag, use a comma before the first quotation marks.

5) If you start with the quotation, use a comma before the end quotation mark unless it is a question or exclamation.

6) Use dialogue tags to show who is speaking.



DIALOGUE TAG

EXAMPLE:

"It's great to see you," said Suzi.

"Hi, Suzi. How have you been?" asked

Leah.

EXAMPLE:

Piper said, "I love the new school therapy dog."

"He is so soft and cuddly!" said Fia.



I want to learn how to use dialogue in my stories.

I think we can figure it out if we practice.



DAVE



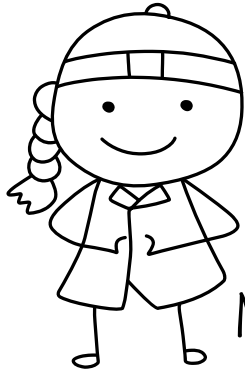
SARAH

You need quotation marks at the beginning and end of what someone says.

I need to keep my punctuation inside the quotes.



JO



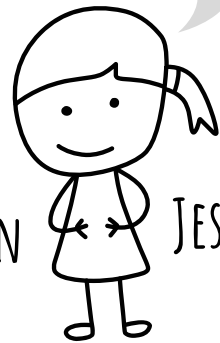
MEG

I think I get the hang of it now!

Me too! It's not as hard as I thought.



HARRISON



JESS