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# Writing Dialogue in Narratives

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# QUOTE IT! Writing Dialogue in Narratives

Hello, and thank you for purchasing this classroom resource. I created this lesson to help students learn how to add meaningful dialogue to their narratives and punctuate it correctly.

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This download contains an editable 23 slide PowerPoint presentation that directly instructs students how to properly embed quotes. It also has supplementary resources to use along with the PowerPoint. The supplementary materials include:

- A punctuation student reference sheet (I usually print this off on brightly colored paper)
- An individual or group brainstorming activity
- A punctuation practice worksheet
- A tag line practice worksheet
- A paragraph revision activity
- · An identify and correct error worksheet
- 4 brainstorming dialogue activities (2 partner assignments and 2 individual assignments)

This lesson and all of these materials are aligned to the common core curriculum. There are many standards that are covered:

- Writing (7-12) 3
- Writing (7-12) 3b

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#### PLACING THE QUOTATION BEFORE THE TAG LINE

"I want to get some ice cream," Mary said.

"Did you want to get ice cream?" asked Isabel.

"Get down from there this instant!" Mr. Jones shouted.

#### PLACING THE QUOTATION AFTER THE TAG LINE

Mary said, "I want to get some ice cream."

Isabel asked, "Did you want to get ice cream?"

Mr. Jones shouted, "Get down from there this instant!"

#### INTERRUPTING THE QUOTATION WITH THE TAG LINE

"Well," said Mary. "I want some ice cream."

"Excuse me," Isabel said. "Do you want to get ice cream?"

"Hey, you!" Mr. Jones shouted. "Get down from there this instant!"

#### IMPORTANT RULES TO REMEMBER

- Place quotation marks around the exact words that are being said.
- Place commas, question marks, exclamation points, and periods inside the quotation marks.
- Avoid writing "said" too many times.
- Start a new paragraph each time a new speaker is talking.
- Eliminate tag lines when necessary.

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#### Say NO to said

When you include dialogue in your writing, you want the dialogue to help convey the tone and mood, and you also want your narration to contribute to the overall effect as well. Writing "said" or "says" every time after a character speaks will dull down your writing.

Directions: Working individually or in groups, brainstorm other ways to say said. Fill in the chart by placing the words in the correct columns.

#### OTHER WAYS TO SAY "SAID"

The character says something neutrally	The character says something excitedly	The character says something angrily	The character says something happily	The character asks a question
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Say NO to said

Directions: Read each sentence carefully and then add in the correct punctuation to make it grammatically correct.

**EXAMPLE**: "You will need to bring sunscreen and a towel, she stated.

- Cara shouted excitedly Hey Let's go to the movie theater tonight 1.
- Please don't make me clean my room Luis begged his mother 2.
- 3. At what time are we eating dinner she asked
- 4. Hey cried Lisa You stole my pen
- 5. At the baseball game later today, I am going to order a hotdog, soda, and pretzel Dad said
- 6. As she boarded the train, she waved goodbye and said I will never forget you
- I wish I could come too Aaron sighed I really want to see the new movie 7.
- 8. I was hoping you could take me to school this week she said to her mother
- 9. I can't wait he exclaimed excitedly the new video game comes out this Tuesday
- 10. Before the party started, she asked Does she know about the surprise
- 11. No yelled Kate loudly You can't go in there yet
- 12. Please wash the dishes and put them away before you go to the concert he said
- 13. She questioned the teacher Why didn't you tell this to us yesterday
- 14. Hey Sara Jonathan yelled across the guad Did you finish the math homework last night
- Angela suggested Let's go to the mall after school today 15.



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Tag It!

Directions: Read each sentence of dialogue and then decide which word is the best fit for each tag line. Use the words in the word box to help you. You may use a dictionary if needed. Each

W	word will be used only once.  Word Bank						
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	joked	objected	questioned	revealed	threatened	whispered	yelled
1.	"You need	to clean up y	our room, or yo	ou will not go t	o the game to	night''	Mom.
2.	"Actually,"		Sara, "the n	noney is due th	nis Wednesday	."	
3.	"I've got g	great news: I'm	moving to Bos	ston!"	Leo.		
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6.	"I think you	u should study t	for the test," M	Ars. Thompson $_{ extstyle -}$			
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#### **Writing Dialogue**

Directions: Read the paragraph below. On the space provided, rewrite the paragraph and punctuate the scene properly. You may use the back of this paper if you need extra space.

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Hey you guys she yelled wait for me. Jane ran to catch up with her friends. Why do you always take so long to pack up your stuff asked Jacob. Yeah teased Leah. It takes you forever. It does not take me forever to pack up my stuff Jane retorted back. You guys just walk too fast. The three friends walked home from school and discussed their plans for the weekend. I'm going to the river with my parents said Jacob. That's cool replied Jane. I have to study for my biology exam. Leah asked Jane Can I study with you? I really need to pass the test on Monday. Sure Jane replied.

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Write Your Own Dialogue		

**Directions**: Using the scenario in the box below, come up with your own examples of dialogue. Practice writing dialogue in a variety of ways: placing it before the tag line, after the tag line, and having the tag line interrupt the dialogue. Come up with at least three examples for each.

There are three friends, Sam, Lola, and Carter, at the beach. It is a warm day in July and the sun is shining brightly. Sam wants to go surfing, but Lola wants to get a smoothie. The friends ask Carter what they should do first. Carter suggests that the three of them go surfing first and then get smoothies afterward. While surfing, Lola spots a pirate ship off in the distance and yells at her friends so that they can see it too. Once the friends see the pirate ship, they decide it's time to go back to the shore and get smoothies.

WRITE THE DIALOGUE BEFORE THE TAG LINE.	
WRITE THE DIALOGUE AFTER THE TAG LINE.	
INTERRUPT THE DIALOGUE WITH THE TAG LINE.	

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2	The teacher said to his class, "do	not be afraid to study at night."	
3	"Would you like to go to the mov	ies with me" he asked?	
4	The zookeeper announced, "The	gorilla exhibit will open on Tuesdo	ау."
5	She asked, "Will you help me with	h my homework"?	
6	"They will not be able to make it	for supper," Henry told his mother	
7	"I cannot believe it," she said "Ho	ow did you find my lost necklace?	?"
8	"Don't forget to stop by after wo	rk," reminded Mrs. McGhee.	
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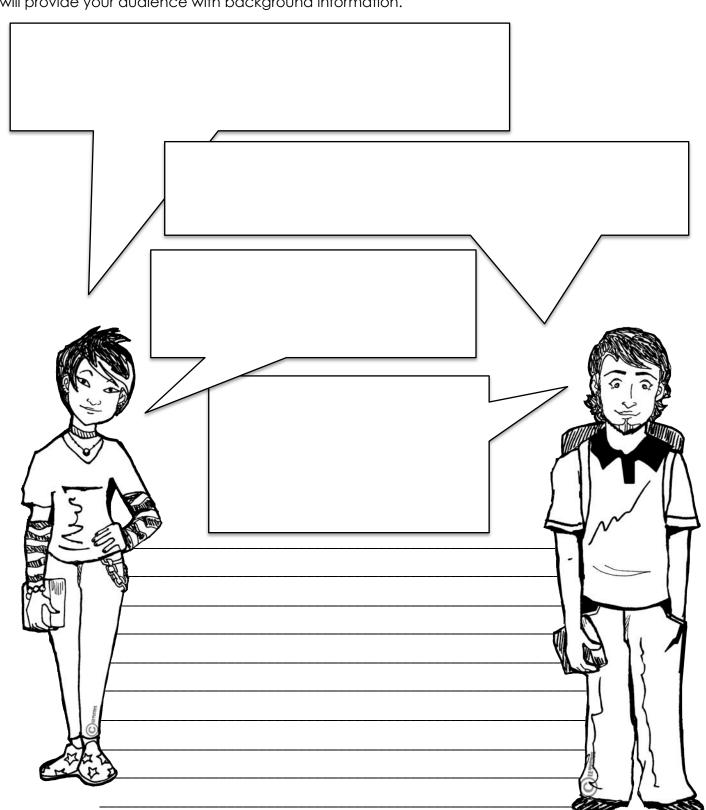
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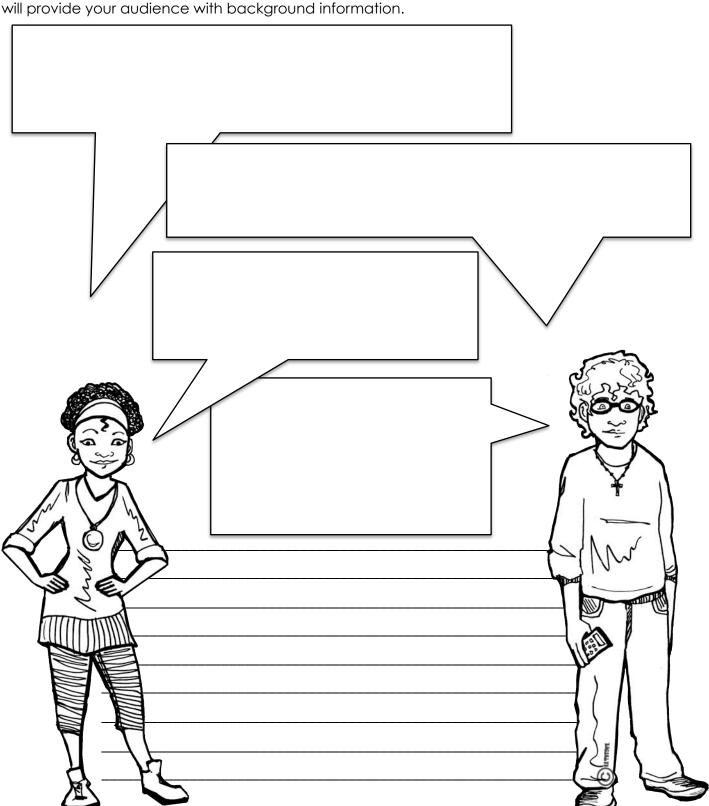


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#### Said Is Dead - Possible Answers

when you include dialogue in your writing, you want not only the dialogue to help convey the tone and mood, but you also want your narration to contribute to the overall effect as well. Writing "said" or "says" after each piece of dialogue is redundant and boring.

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declared	emphasized	ordered	cried	
commented	screamed	ranted	exclaimed	
continued		shouted	gushed	
divulged		stipulated	jested	
recited		warned	joked	
replied		yelled	lawahed	



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**Punctuating Dialogue** 

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Directions: Read each sentence carefully and then add in the correct punctuation to make it grammatically

**EXAMPLE**: "You will need to bring sunscreen and a towel, she stated.

1.	Cara shouted excitedly,	"Hey! Let's go to the	movie theater tonight."
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- "Please don't make me clean my room," Luis begged his mother. 2.
- "At what time are we eating dinner?" she asked. 3.
- "Hey," cried Lisa, "you stole my pen." 4.
- "At the baseball game later today, I am going to order a hotdog, soda, and pretzel," Dad said. 5.
- As she stepped boarded the train, she waved goodbye and said, "I will never forget you." 6.
- "I wish I could come too," Aaron sighed, "I really want to see the new movie." 7.
- "I was hoping you could take me to school this week," she said to her mother. 8.
- "I can't wait," he exclaimed excitedly, "the new video game comes out this Tuesday." 9.
- Before the party started, she asked, "Does she know about the surprise?" 10.
- "No!" yelled Kate loudly. "You can't go in there yet." 11.
- "Please wash the dishes and put them away before you go to the concert," he said. 12.
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Announced

Bragged

Advised

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5.	"First you ne	eed to thaw the	chicken, and th	en you soak it i	in the marinade,	" explained	Kyle.
6.	"I think you	should study fo	or the test," Mrs.	Thompson	dvised		
7.	"I got an A+	on my math fin	al," bragged	Suzy.			

- 9. "Are you sure you really want to go through with this," she \_.
- 10. He <u>conceded</u> , "Alright. Fine. I give up. You win."

8. "Shhh," Whispered Leona, "it's a secret."

- 12. "Oh I was only messing with you. I wasn't actually serious," he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 13. "Hey, you two hooligans," the old man yelled , "get off of my lawn."
- 14. "I didn't want to say anything yet," she <u>Yevealed</u>, "but I was offered a new job."

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# QUOTE IT! Identify and Correct the Dialogue Errors

wections: Read each sentence below. Then, identify it if is correct or incorrect. If the sentence is correct, write a C for correct on the line. If it is incorrect, write an I for incorrect on the line and then rewrite the

I	"Please go to the store and buy some eggs", she said.  "Please go to the store and buy some eggs," she said.
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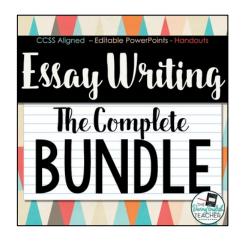
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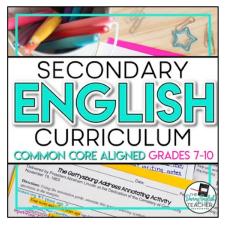
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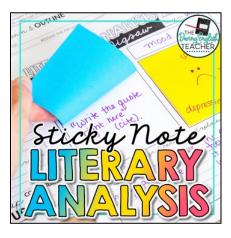




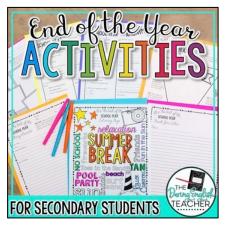


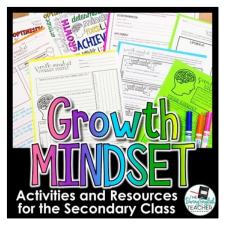












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