

Dialogue?

- The word **dialogue** comes from the Greek word for conversation '*dialogos*' (dia- two & logos- words)
- **Dialogue** may be a face to face speech Or exchange of conversation between Two characters in fiction.
- It refers to a verbal or written conversation between two or more people. If only one person talks then it is a **monologue**.

Dialogue?

Dialogue is like a volleyball match.

It must be thrown back and forth.



- ⦿ Dialogue may be formal or informal based on the following factors:
 1. Relationship between the speakers
 2. The topic of conversation
 3. The situation in which the speakers are placed.

Formal

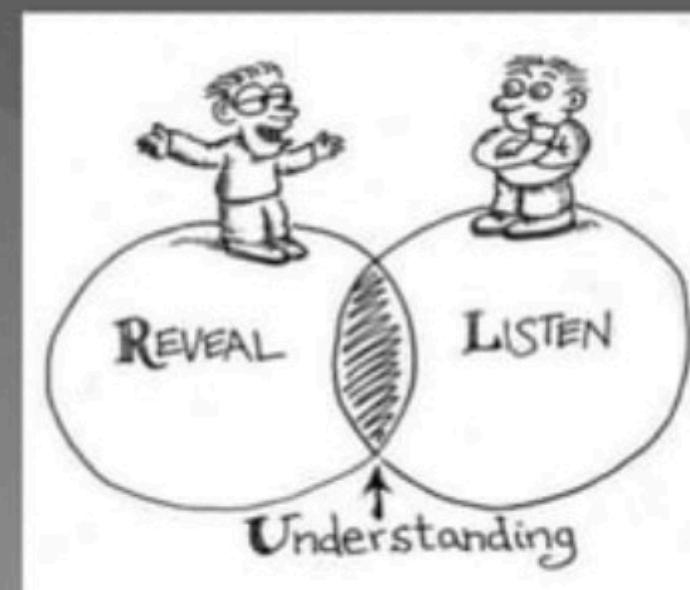


Informal



Why dialogue writing?

- To facilitate and hone learners with quotidian conversation by providing realistic situations.
- To encourage students to communicate by overcoming their apprehensions and inhibitions of speaking English.
- To empower students to involve in grammatically correct, interesting and meaningful conversation.
- It makes story interesting.
- It can reveal feelings, thoughts
And personality of speaker



Types of questions on dialogue in exams.

- Frequently asked questions on dialogue:
 1. **Dialogue creation:** students are given a situation and asked to write a dialogue.
 2. **Dialogue completion:** students are provided with some dialogues of the conversation and asked to complete the remaining blanks of the dialogue.

Model questions

- **Question on dialogue creation:**

Write a dialogue between you and your principal about your unapproved leave to the college.

- **Question on dialogue completion:**

Student: Good morning Sir! May I come in.

Principal:

Student: I am extremely sorry sir. I was suffering from fever.

Principal:

Student: I assure you that I will my house master and submit my medical certificate. Thank you.

Rules for writing Dialogue

1. **Appropriate beginning:** use proper salutation according to the context. Remember who you are speaking to. (Formal or informal)

Formal: Good morning sir, how are you.

Informal: Hi Sindhu, whatsup?

2. **PREFER using simple English.** Dialogue should reflect a natural conversation.

3. **Use contractions**

Ex: was not = wasn't

Could not = couldn't

Rules for writing Dialogue

4. Keep your dialogue brief and short:

Avoid long paragraphs.

Avoid fillers like Uhh.. Oh..., Ah..

Let all characters have equal say.

5. Each para to be indented:

A change in speaker starts new paragraph. Even if a character says one word, they get new paragraphs.

6. Give each character a unique voice:

It reveals the personality of the character.

7. keep dialogue tags simple:

Ritu said, " I don't want to wait."

don't use these tags repeatedly.. he said, she said.

Tips for writing Dialogue

8. **Well punctuated:** use appropriate punctuation by using ?, ! , . etc. Remember punctuation goes inside the quotation marks.
9. **Coherence and connectivity:** every dialogue should be relevant, logically connected with each other and properly organized.
10. **Proper ending:** don't end dialogue abruptly. Proper leave taking is must.

Ex.

Sindhu: Thanks for the warm hospitality.

See you tomorrow then. Bye

Swetha: O.k bye. See you again.

Sample dialogue conversation

- Sindhu realizes that the shopkeeper is being unfair to her. Create a dialogue between the two in which Sindhu makes the shopkeeper realize his mistake.

Sindhu : What is the rate of Kaju Burfi?

Shopkeeper : Rs. 600 per kg, madam

Sindhu : Pack half a kg for me.

Shopkeeper : In a minute, madam

Sindhu : But you have weighed less than half a kg.

Shopkeeper : Don't worry madam, you'll have less weight to carry.

Sindhu : Oh! Thank you for a good piece of advice.

Shopkeeper : Well, I am here to do good to my customers, madam.

Sindhu : Here's your money.

Shopkeeper : But, it's less money, madam

Sindhu : Don't worry, you'll have to count less money.

Shopkeeper : But, that's not fair.

Sindhu : I'm simply following your advice, madam

Dialogue activities

- **Between parent-teacher; friend-friend, doctor-patient....(situation based):**

Write a dialogue between you and your friend discussing about their preparation for I.I.T J.A.M P.G entrance examination.

- **Role play:**

Student 1 is working in a railway reservation counter and student 2 enquires him about the tatkal reservation to Delhi.

- **Telephonic conversation:**

Student 1 wants to book an appointment with the dentist and calls the receptionist (student 2) to fix the appointment timing.

Tips to learn Dialogue Writing.

1. Read literary works. Short stories/novels/ drama. Select two characters from the story to practice dialogue writing.
2. Begin practicing with model dialogues/ partial dialogues/ roleplays/ situations.
3. Use Tense and Words to the situation so that they convey the idea clearly.
4. Write the dialogue draft.. Read it.. Revise it.
5. Reading the dialogue out to check if your dialogue is realistic.



Writing Dialogue

Some examples

Some basic rules

- Start a new paragraph each time a new person speaks.
- Make sure readers know who is talking.
- Give a balanced mix of action and talking.
- Let all characters have equal say.
- Try and resolve the discussion by the end of the page.

Some basic rules

- Phrases like *he said* and *she said* are part of the quote and part of the same sentence.
 - “Bring me a spoon,” he said.
- If character action isn’t tied to the quote, then the quote is a sentence and the action is a new sentence.
 - She brought the spoon. “Here you go.”
- If you show who’s talking in the middle of a quote, the whole statement is one sentence.
 - “If you’re going to sleep,” Mary said, “then I’m leaving.”

Some basic punctuation

- There are several ways to end a sentence:
 - A period .
 - An exclamation mark !
 - A question mark ?
- It is permitted in dialogue to use ! and ? marks as part of your quote in the middle of a complete sentence
 - “Look out!” shouted Marjory. “It’s still alive.”
 - “Say what?” asked Brenden as he was eaten.

Some basic punctuation

- Another frequently used mark in dialogue is the dash –
- Type the dash by using two hyphens
- Use the dash to show a character got cut off while speaking.
 - “Don’t you dare try to—”
 - “I will if I want to, and I’m –”
 - “No you’re not. You’re going to—”
 - “You do it. I’m leaving for—”
 - “If you leave, you’re grounded,” said mom.

Some basic punctuation

- Another popular punctuation is the ellipsis, which is three periods.
- The ellipsis means the person stopped voluntarily in the middle of a sentence.
 - “You know, Lenny, I’ve been thinking...”
 - “Whatcha thinkin’ ‘bout, George?” Lennie asked.
 - “If we hitchhiked to Salinas, we could...”
 - Lennie looked at George. “We could what?”

Two folks in a boat

"Row faster," said Joe. "We must get to shore."

"Why?" asked Grace. She was relaxing in back.

"Because," said Joe, "there's a waterfall up ahead."

"Oh!" said Grace as she grabbed her oar.

Joe turned around. "Row on the left side."

"OK, sorry!" said Grace as she switched hands.

Joe screamed, "It's too late. We're gonna d—"

"Ahhhhhhhhh!" they both screamed as their boat went over the waterfall and crashed into the rocks below. Their bodies floated out to sea.



Friends eating lunch

"This pizza is good," said Wendy with her mouth full.

"I have no lunch money," said Sue.

"You can have a bite of mine." Wendy tore off the crust and handed it to Sue.

Sue backed away. "Yuck. I don't want to eat crust."

"Here you go," said Wendy. She added a slice of pepperoni.

"Thanks," said Sue. "It taste better now."

"If you want," said Wendy, "you can have half of my juice."





Customer and clerk argue

"The phone broke in a month," said the customer. "I want a refund."

"I'm sorry, sir. You are not entitled to—"

"Don't tell me what I'm entitled to!" yelled the customer. "Replace it or—"

The clerk ran into the back room. The manager came out. "If you don't leave this store right now, sir, I'm going to call the—"

"I'm a cop," the customer blurted. "You could call me, but my phone doesn't work."



Topic

○ Selected Topic

- Plan after JSC/SSC Examination
- The importance of Physical Exercise
- Merits and demerits of using mobile phone / face book
- The bad effects of copying in the exam
- Future plan of life
- How to improve skill in English
- Bad effects of smoking
- Between Patient and doctor