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**Rules For Using Dialogue:**

**1. A speaker's exact words (also called dialogue) must be surrounded by quotation marks.**

Example: **"**I love flowers,**"** said Bryn.

2. **Opening quotation marks (example: ") are used to mark the beginning of the speaker's words, and closing quotation marks are used the mark the end of the speaker's words (example: ").**

**3. Commas and periods are always placed inside the closing quotation marks.**



Example: **"**I like chips**,"** said Bron.  Jeet replied, **"**I love pretzels**."**

**4. Use a comma to introduce a quotation after a dialogue tag.**

Example: Troy replied**, "**Blue is my favorite color.**"**

**5. If dialogue is split or separated, use quotation marks to surround each part that is spoken.**

Example: **"**Yes,**"** said Steven, **"**I love cheese pizza.**"**  Brian nodded in agreement.

**6. If a quotation is not split or separated, don't close the quotation until the speaker is finished. This could sometimes involve numerous sentences.**

Example: **"**Please write your name on your paper before you begin. Once you finish, bring your paper to the front of the room and place it on my desk,**"** said Mr. Samuelson.

**7. Every time a new person speaks, you must start a new paragraph.**

Example:

 “Hi,” said Jackson. “How are you?”

 “I’m great,” replied Rachelle. “How have you been?”

 “Oh, you know, getting by.” Rachelle had been sullen and withdrawn ever since her hampster had died. Jackson was getting worried that Rachelle was not dealing well with the death.

Now you try:

1. Kele said, That's my coat.

2. Shania asked, Did you plant beans and peppers in your garden?

3. Is the pizza here? asked Bailey

4. This beach, said Matt, is more beautiful than ever. I agree, Ceone whispered.

5. Help! Shouted the Comm 11/12 class. We can’t live a whole class without our cellphones!

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ASSIGNMENT:

GROUP

MEMBERS:

Please complete the dialogue assignment explained in class. Your group must submit the finished story with a minimum of 5 well-used examples of dialogue. They should reveal that you are capable of adhering to the rules learned in the sheet above. You should insert them into a small story. You will practice this skill in your next composition as well.

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