

Punctuating Dialogue

When you write dialogue, or direct quotations, you use **quotation marks** to show what the speaker said. The quotation marks go around the speaker's exact words. You use a comma between the words and the speaker tag. Remember to begin each new line of dialogue from a different speaker as a new paragraph.

- A** Insert commas and quotation marks where they belong in the dialogue below. Circle any letters that should be capitalized.

Mom, I'm going to the library Jeri said.

what time will you be back?

Probably about six Jeri said but I may be a little later.

Just be home in time for supper Mom said we're having your favorite lasagna.

- B** Write sentences of your own about a time when you and your friend were surprised by something. Use punctuation correctly in a direct quotation.
