

Year 5
Summer week 10
Lesson 3

Can I use dialogue between two characters?

Today we will be using dialogue between two characters



Rules of dialogue

- *Use inverted commas for direct speech. **“Hello!”shouted Ian.**
- *Use the correct commas, question marks and exclamation marks to end. **, ? ! (full stops are used rarely)**
- *Put each new speaker on a new line.
“Hello!” shouted Ian.
“Hi!” replied Susan.
- *Use a variety of words instead of said. **whispered, answered, suggested, shouted, asked, enquired, voiced, pleaded.**
- *Include adverbs to describe how words are said. **nicely, quickly, quietly, lovingly**

On Monday you watched Catch it. Click on the link to watch again but this time imagine what the characters would say to each other if there was dialogue and make notes. (You may wish to pause the film to enable you to write this down)

<https://www.literacyshed.com/catchit.htm>

What could they be saying to each other?



As the meerkats stared up at the winged beast, one exclaimed, “Who are you and what do you want?”

“I want your beloved juicy fruit,” stated the vicious vulture.

Making dialogue effective

When using dialogue it is important to remember that you need to also carry on with the story inbetween. No story should include endless lines of dialogue (she said this, he said that and then she said this again), it will just bore your reader.

A good example would be:

As the vulture soared high in the clouds, feeling victorious at stealing the meerkats beloved fruit, he became aware of shouting below him.

“Why would you do this to us?” a frustrated meerkat called out.

“Hahahaha,” the vulture laughed wickedly, “Because I can!”

“GRAB HIM!” the smallest meerkat shouted.

Adverbs describe how it is said

Tasks (Avoid the word 'said')

RED TASK

Choose 2 pictures and write 4 sentences with dialogue between the characters for both of them.

YELLOW TASK

Choose two of the pictures and write 6 sentences with dialogue between the characters. Include adverbs to describe how the words are being said and remember to also tell the story.

GREEN TASK

Write a paragraph for all three of the pictures. Tell the story between the speech and include adverbs to describe how the words are being said.