

## Quoting Dialogue in MLA format

### Quoting BOTH narrative information AND dialogue:

When Mr. Bennet spelled out the necessities of formal introduction, "The girls stared at their father. Mrs. Bennet said only, 'Nonsense, nonsense!'" (Austen 65).

*Note, that because the exclamation mark is a part of the dialogue, it goes inside to the single quotation mark. Also note that the quote is ended with a double quotation mark and there is no space between single quotation mark and the double.*

### Quoting ONLY dialogue

Mrs. Bennet demonstrates her designs on Mr. Bingley when she declares, "Oh! single, my dear, to be sure! A single man of large fortune; four or five thousand a year. What a fine thing for our girls!" (Austen 67).

### Quoting an ENTIRE dialogue exchange

*Note: treat it as a block quote. For a block quote, leave off the quotation marks, indent every line of the paragraph so that it stands alone in the essay as one single block, and add the reference after the period.*

In the novel *Pride and Prejudice*, the early exchange between Mr. and Mrs. Bennet demonstrates just how silly Mrs. Bennet is and how Mr. Bennet teases her:

What is his name?

Bingley.

Is her married or single?

Oh! single, my dear, to be sure! A single man of large fortune; four or five thousand a year. What a fine thing for our girls!

How so? how can it affect them?

My dear Mr. Bennet...how can you be so tiresome! You must know that I am thinking of his marrying one of them. (Austen 78).

*Note, that in the third line an ellipse was used to cover up some narrative that, if left in the quote, would have made the punctuation more complex and awkward.*

Quoting dialogue that is more than three lines long and from the same speaker:

Also use a block quote.