Recognizing "dialogue quotes"

Dialogue quotes are introduced by words like "said" and "wondered." We call these words "**dialogue words**" because they indicate conversation or thought.

Matt **said**, "**I will beat you in Monopoly**."
Dialogue Word   Dialogue Quote

Lucy **asked** with a smile, "**Who else thought that movie was awesome?**"
Dialogue Word   Dialogue Quote

Here are some common examples of **dialogue words**:

said	yelled	shouted
sang	thought	wondered
asked	announced	claimed

A **flow quote** is different because it naturally blends (or "flows") into the text around it.

Matt thinks **that** he is a "**master at Monopoly.**"
Flow Quote

Lucy argued **that** the movie was "**the most awesome movie of the year.**"
Flow Quote

Does the bold word introduce a Dialogue or Flow Quote?

My mailman thinks **that** "Christian's perfectly planted garden" should be on a magazine cover.

FLOW QUOTE

In the cafeteria, J.K. Rowling **reported**, "The vending machine is out of potato chips."

DIALOGUE QUOTE

Minnie Mouse explained **that,** even though they're extinct "dinosaurs are the greatest animals ever."
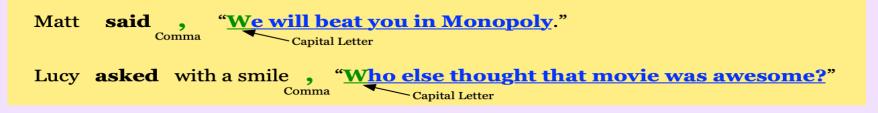
DIALOGUE QUOTE

Punctuation and Capitalization with "Dialogue Quotes"

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Readers naturally pause before a dialogue quote. To highlight that pause, do the following:

1. Put a **comma** before the quote.
2. Begin the quote with a **capital letter**.

Matt **said** **,** "We will beat you in Monopoly."
Comma   Capital Letter

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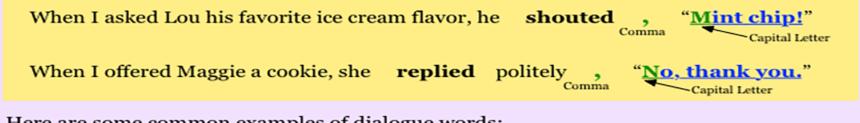
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When I asked Lou his favorite ice cream flavor, he **shouted** , "Mint chip!"
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When I offered Maggie a cookie, she **replied** politely , "No, thank you."
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Lowercase Letter

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At the museum, Lucy asked **why** "weird paint colors" give her a headache.
Lowercase Letter

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