Dialogue writing

Class Objective: I will be able to understand various concepts on dialogue writing.

Concept A: Introduction

Dialogue means conversation between two or more people in the form of powerful expression of feelings or exchange of ideas or opinions. It brings characters to life and creates interest. It helps in the resolution of issues and breaks the ice between unfamiliar people.

Elements of Dialogue writing

- It helps in exchange for ideas or opinions and empowers the speaker and the listener.
- A dialogue does not have any distinct format but certain rules are followed.
- We must use appropriate language.
- It must follow series or logic.
- We must use short and simple sentences and to the point.
- There must be continuity in the ideas of the dialogue.
- Correct punctuation should be used to express the mood and tone of the dialogue.
- Dialogue must suit the character of the speaker.
- When the names of speakers are not mentioned, the dialogues should be written within quotation marks and attributions like- said, replied, told, mentioned must be used. Commas need to be used properly.

Examples:

- "I have a doctor's appointment today at 4 pm."
- "Why are you going to the doctor?"
- "I need to reach the office on time," he said.
- Where the names of speakers are given, they should be followed by a colon mark (:). Every time a new speaker speaks, a new line should be used.

Examples:

Mrs Joshi: How are you?

Mr Rao: I am fine, thank you.

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