

When writing the exact words that someone says, use quotation marks before and after the quoted words and punctuation.

“This was my best birthday ever!” said Olivia.

Payat said, “I like pool parties.”

For each sentence, write *yes* or *no* to tell whether it needs quotation marks.

1. Mira said that her homework was hard. _____
2. I had no trouble, said Andrew. _____
3. Leah said, It took me forever to finish! _____
4. The teacher said that she was proud of their work. _____

Rewrite each sentence correctly. Remember to use quotation marks.

5. Do you have any hobbies? asked Connor.

6. I like playing board games, said Natalie.

7. Connor said, I’m too competitive to enjoy them.

8. I thought you liked them, Natalie responded.

Use quotation marks to set off a quotation from other words in a sentence. If a quotation is interrupted by words indicating who is speaking, use quotation marks to set off each part of the speaker's words.

“It’s a close game,” said Jose, “and I can’t say who’ll win.”

Add quotation marks to the sentences where they are needed.

1. I like watching movies on TV, said Anna, but I don't like going to the movies.
2. Going to the movies is fun, Mrs. Ramos said, when you have someone to go with.
3. I don't like people talking, Anna said, because it makes it hard for me to hear.
4. I like seeing movies at big theaters, said Nate, where the screens are huge.
5. I know what you mean, said Anna, but I'd rather wait for the DVDs.
6. I don't watch many movies, said Tyler, because Mom thinks they're a waste of time.
7. I know what she means, said Mrs. Ramos, because I've seen a lot of junk out there.
8. Tyler, said Anna, does she let you play video games?
9. No, said Tyler, she thinks that they're a waste of time, too.
10. My mother lets me play only 30 minutes a day, said Luke, if I finish my homework.
11. Maybe my mother would agree to that, Tyler said thoughtfully.
12. It's worth a try, Mrs. Ramos said, if you're sure it won't affect your grades.