

Hands-On Quotation Marks

Teaching Tip: This activity can be used individually during large group instruction, at a center or in partners or small groups for cooperative learning.

Prep:

Write sentences (without punctuation) on large sentence strips. You may write one per student or group and have students pass the strip to the next student or team so that you won't need duplicates.

Get elbow macaroni noodles to serve as the quotation marks.

Copy printable question marks, exclamation marks, periods, and commas for each student or team.

Directions:

Students should use elbow macaroni, and printed punctuation marks to correctly punctuate sentence strip.

Teacher should check work before students remove items and pass strips to next person or team.

Advice: Sample sentences are provided, but be creative or make up your own. Putting student names and interests in the sentences always creates an element of fun and excitement to make the activity more engaging.

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Sample Sentence Ideas (with no punctuation):

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I can't believe you really did that laughed Edwardo

Have you finished your homework asked Mom

Oh wow Jamal exclaimed I'm so surprised I won

Don't forget to brush your teeth reminded my dad

My teacher announced we will have a pop quiz tomorrow

Hooray yelled the children as they ran out for recess

Look out Robert yelled the ball is heading your way

You look amazing said the groom to his bride

I will take out the trash said Sonya if you walk the dog.

McDonald's is my favorite restaurant said Tiko to DaNisha

Hurry yelled Dana as the bus pulled into sight

Have you seen my sunglasses Sally asked Max

Jasmine whispered I have to tell you a secret

Have you read the latest Harry Potter book asked Juan

No no no yelled the little toddler at his mother

Do you want to hear a ghost story asked Austin

I'm scared shouted Elizabeth as the lightening flashed

Look yelled Holly I see a beautiful rainbow

One day I will be a famous football player announced Randall

Let's go bowling suggested Hunter

Susan whined I don't want to clean my room

Would you like some more water asked the waitress

Sample Sentence Answer Key:

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"Have you finished your homework?" asked Mom.

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"Don't forget to brush your teeth," reminded my dad.

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"I will take out the trash," said Sonya, "if you walk the dog." "

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Jasmine whispered, "I have to tell you a secret."

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"No, no, no!" yelled the little toddler at his mother.

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