

Quotation Mark Editor

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Choose one of the following:

When editing for quotation marks, I feel _____ confident _____ unsure
_____ I need more help!

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"I am so excited to go to the beach!" exclaimed Abigale. (The quotation mark usage is correct. The quotation marks frame what Abigale said.)

Peter told Henry, You are the best friend I ever had. (This sentence is written incorrectly, since no quotation marks are used to frame dialog.)

"I ate spaghetti for dinner" said Elizabeth. (Incorrect. The quotation marks frame the dialog, but a comma is missing before the final quotation mark and after the word "dinner.")

"Have you seen my new computer?" asked Noah. (This sentence is written correctly. The quotation marks frame dialog, the interrogative question Noah asks is punctuated correctly, and there is a period at the end of the sentence.)

I can't believe you did that exclaimed Mr. Smith to Lee. (This sentence is written incorrectly. It lacks quotation marks at the beginning and after the word "that." It also needs an exclamation mark after the word "that" and before the end quotation mark.)

"How many times have I asked you clean up?" asked Mom. (This sentence is written correctly. The quotation marks frame the dialog, the interrogative is punctuated with a question mark, and a final period rests at the end of the sentence.)

"I took a fantastic trip to Alaska," said Joan. (Technically, this sentence is punctuated correctly, but replacing the comma with an exclamation mark would make it even better.)