

DIALOGUE



Ways to use Dialogue

At the beginning of a sentence: _____ "Expel the object!" Freak shouts. (27)

At the end of a sentence: _____ ...he pulls the trigger on that crutch and makes a weapon noise, and he goes, "Then die, earthling, die!" (9)

In the middle of a sentence: _____ I go, "Huh?" and Freak sort of chuckles to himself. (18)

In a broken quote: _____ "Hey, Gwen," one of the beards says, "can't you give this kid a pill or something?" (8)

Rules for Using Dialogue

1. For every new speaker, begin a new line.
2. Commas and periods go **inside** quotation marks
3. Use commas to separate dialogue tags (except when using ! or ?)
4. Capitalize the first letter of spoken dialogue
5. Indent new lines
6. Dialogue should always **drive the plot!**

Dialogue Tags - Said is Dead

acknowledged, admitted, agreed, answered, argued, asked, barked, begged, bellowed, blustered, bragged, complained, confessed, cried, demanded, denied, giggled, hinted, hissed, howled, inquired, interrupted, laughed, lied, mumbled, muttered, nagged, pleaded, promised, questioned, remembered, replied, requested, retorted, roared, sang, screamed, screeched, shouted, sighed, snarled, sobbed, threatened, wailed, warned, whimpered, whined, whispered, wondered, yelled