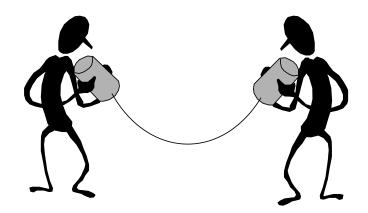


HO-65 Writing a Dialogue



Here are some examples of dialogue from the story. Underline the exact words spoken in red:

- 1. Miss Lewis stopped calling out indulgently, "Girls, put the light out now, please."
- Everyone sat up in bed saying polite things such as, "I say, Martine, do you mind..."
- 3. "We couldn't get any sleep all night because of your snoring!" Tracey and Paula said.
- 4. "We can't go a whole week without sleep," Tracey said desperately.
- 5. "Much easier to -" said Bronwyn.
- 6. "Me neither," said Tracey. "Is there room for my things in your Mm's car?"



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Put the missing capitals and punctuation marks in these sentences.

- 1. You'll just have to get used to it, she said crossly.
- 2. "Wow said Tracey. "You really snore loudly, Martine
- 3. Paula explained to Tracey "At the end of it all, the soggy rag will splosh right in Martine's face.
- 4. Anyhow, I think I can Bronwyn began to say
- 5. Do you think it will work Tracey asked

Read the sentences below and find the one sentence that doesn't have any errors in capitalization or punctuation. Circle that sentence.

- 6. "It was so much fun filling everyone's shower cap with talcum powder!", exclaimed Lois.
- Tracey said quietly. "Maartine Kirby's father owns a chocolate factory."
- 8. Everyone was saying politely "Excuse me Martine, but do you think that you might ..."
- 9. "I'll just have to invent a special machine that cures snoring," said Paula, who came from a long line of engineers.
- 10. I don't want to go home yet and miss camp," Bronwyn said.

Did you mark all of the errors as you did this? If not, reread and correct the errors in the other four sentences.

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Make a chart of interesting verbs and adverbs that authors use when writing dialogue. You may want to look through some novels for examples.

Interesting Verbs	Interesting Adverbs	
demanded	stubbornly	
exclaimed	energetically	
whispered	thankfully	
moaned	painfully	



Write a short dialogue for one of the following situations:

- You and one of your parents are arguing about getting your homework done.
- A brother and sister are disagreeing over which television program to watch.
- Two best friends are planning what to do on Saturday afternoon.
- Or any other dialogue you would like.
