

Quotation Marks, Capitalization and Tags

Begin quoted material with capitals. Never have a quote alone; attach a comma and tag line to it. DO NOT capitalize the tag, even if it follows end punctuation like ! or ? If, however, there is an end punctuation in the quotation and before the tag, do not include a comma: "Look out!" yelled Ann. See, no comma after the !

1. We must eat all the salad said Harry if we don't, it will wilt.
2. I can't wait to go skiing said Elvin it's my favorite sport.
3. Please pass the salt said Simon but you can keep the pepper.
4. Look out yelled the chef the deep fryer is flaming
5. Can you lend me some money he asked.
6. Which of the math problems did you have them trouble with Tammy asked.
7. Samantha said I really struggled with the entire chapter titled Story Problems.

● EXERCISE 5. Copy the following sentences, supplying whatever marks of punctuation and capitals are needed.

1. Mother may we go to the movies this afternoon asked Mary Ann
2. Yes Mary Ann replied Mother if you will come directly home after the show
3. Please lend me some money John said Frank I've spent my allowance
4. Did you say I'm out of stamps
5. What a fine lesson we've had today exclaimed the teacher
6. Play ball shouted the umpire
7. John's question was What is helium
8. Did Bob answer A gaseous element
9. Fire Fire cried the boys the whole kitchen is on fire
10. Christopher called his sister Mother wants you right away