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Question: What is the funniest comment you've ever made?

Answer:



Directions: Underline any **red or bold words** that appear in the video.

Commas and Direct Quotes

- Quotation marks (known by many names) are punctuation marks used in pairs in various writing systems to set off direct speech, a quotation, or a phrase.
- We use quotation marks with direct quotes, with titles of certain works, and to imply alternate meanings.

Quote: "My brain is like melted ice cream."

- The first rule of using quotations is that once they're opened, they have to be closed. The person reading your work needs to know where the quote starts and where it ends.
- Use commas to set off a direct quotation from the rest of a sentence.

Example: Minnie Kittie stated, "My whiskers are mind-controlling antennas."

Leading to a quote

When the introductory words appear before the quotation, a comma follows them.

Example: During lunch, he looked at me and said, "I'm breaking up with you."

Example: At the movie's end, he yelled, "That was awful!"



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Ending the Sentence with a Quote

If a direct quote ends the sentence, put the punctuation mark within the quotation marks.

Example: Minnie Kittie stated, "My whiskers are mind-controlling antennas."

Example: Commander Colon said, "Throw the sword into the lake."

Quotes and Interruptions

If the direct quotation is interrupted by the explanation of who said it, a comma is placed inside the quotation marks at the end of the first part of the quotation.

Another comma follows the explanatory words before the quotation marks that begin the next part of the quotation.

Example: "My whiskers," Minnie Kitty said, "are mind-controlling antennas."

Example: "Throw the sword," Commander Colon said, "into the lake."

Starting with a quote


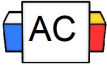

If the direct quotation begins the sentence, the comma is placed inside the quotation marks after the last word in the quotation.

Example: "My whiskers are mind-controlling antennas," Minnie Kitty said.

Example: "Throw the sword into the lake," Commander Colon said.



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	<p>Directions: In the next section, you will be given different sentences. Read each sentence and determine where you should add commas (if you need to add any).</p> <p>Example: "My life," Blake expounded, "is a complex expression of abstract art."</p> <p>Example: "Don't live your life," my mother said, "without following your dreams."</p> <p>Example: "You cannot even function without your stuffed llama," said Mack Attack.</p> <p>Example: Kit looked at me and said, "You should learn the science behind a mint plant"</p>
	<p>Directions: Choose one quote and use that quote within three different structures.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Starting the sentence with the quote2. Ending the sentence with the quote3. Interrupting the quote
	<p>Your Answer: (see above)</p>
<p>Extra Notes</p>	



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