



## All About Quotation Marks

- Information, Question and Answer Card

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belonging to an author

Punctuation Worksheet

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## Learner Guide

The **Quotation Marks** Information, Question and Answer card set is designed to illustrate the variety of ways that learners can use quotation marks in their writing. It reveals how quotation marks are used to separate a quote from the rest of a sentence and to identify the words of a person speaking.

### How to use this Punctuation Worksheet

The cards are sequenced to develop and extend knowledge - scaffolding the learner's knowledge and skill level from Beginner level (Year 7) to Advanced (Year 12 and beyond).

The first set of questions on the Question Card are intended for learners new to the concept, strategy or process, and the final set of questions at the bottom-half of each Question Card are designed for more advanced learners.

The Cards are also fully aligned to the **Australian Curriculum**: English strand:

- **Language** – Language Variation and Change, Text Structure and Organisation, Expressing and Developing Ideas, Phonics and Word Knowledge
- **Literacy** – Texts in Context, Creating Texts

The following provides the **teaching process** that you can use when working with students:

1. **Introduce the concept, strategy or process** to the learner
2. **Read the Information Card** and then **discuss the concept, strategy or process** with the learner
3. **Answer questions** on the Question Card, choosing to complete either the whole card, or only the first series of questions, depending on the learners ability
4. **Compare learner answers** with the Answer Card

# Quotation Marks



Teenagers are labelled as 'rebels' and 'reckless.'

The use of quotation marks signifies that the words are not the authors and are a common expression.

## What is it?

Quotation marks are used to **enclose titles of works**, such as short stories, magazine articles, poems, songs and paintings. They are also used to mark special words or phrases, slang expressions and the exact words of another speaker. Many writers prefer to use single quotation marks ( ' ') rather than double quotation marks ( " "). However, either system is acceptable, as long as you do not change style throughout your writing.

The following outline the types of words and phrases that require quotation marks:

1. Short stories, poems, songs, paintings –
  - 'The Loaded Dog' by Henry Lawson
2. Special words or phrases
  - Scientists describe this process as the 'greenhouse effect.'
3. Slang expressions
  - The 'Bogans' love their beer.
4. Quotations of verse to illustrate a point:
  - Edward Cullen, in the novel *Twilight*, has 'devastatingly handsome' features.
5. Quoting direct speech:
  - Carol said, 'Come here, please, Jason.'

# Quotation Marks question card

Now that you have read the information card on **Quotation Marks**, it is time to practice what you have learnt.

1 Copy the sentence and insert the **quotation marks** where appropriate.

- a) My house! he cried, My house is burning!
- b) I remember, she said, how he cried My house!
- c) Mr Johnson, who was working in his field that morning, said, The alien spaceship appeared right before my own two eyes.
- d) Although Mr Johnson has seen odd happenings on the farm, he stated that the spaceship certainly takes the cake when it comes to unexplainable activity.
- e) The novel, War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells, has reignited an interest in extra-terrestrial life.
- f) Who said, To be or not to be, that is the question, asked Dr Meehan.

2 Copy the sentence and insert the **quotation marks** where appropriate.

- a) In her article, Betkovic (2005, p.3) maintains, The decision to not ratify the Kyoto Protocol will harm the Australian economy.
- b) Brown (1997, p.84) describes the results as, unreliable and insignificant.
- c) Martin Luther King Jr. asserted the oppression of the negro in American society is unjust.
- d) The press described the speakers as belonging to the neo-liberal capitalist faction of society.
- e) The social worker remarked that the case involved her to make a "judgement call," meaning she was required to evaluate the client's circumstances when making a decision.
- f) In Byron's The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, he, like other poets of his time, illustrates romantic ideals.

# Quotation Marks

## answer card

Now that you have completed the question card on Quotation Marks, it is now time to correct your answers.

### 1 Answers

- a) "My house! he cried, "My house is burning!"
- b) "I remember, she said, "how he cried My house!"
- c) Mr Johnson, who was working in his field that morning, said, "The alien spaceship appeared right before my own two eyes."
- d) Although Mr Johnson has seen odd happenings on the farm, he stated that the spaceship "certainly takes the cake" when it comes to unexplainable activity.
- e) The novel, "War of the Worlds" by H. G. Wells, has reignited an interest in extra-terrestrial life.
- f) Who said, "To be or not to be, that is the question," asked Dr Meehan.

### 2 Answers

- a) In her article, Betkovic (2005, p.3) maintains, "The decision to not ratify the Kyoto Protocol will harm the Australian economy."
- b) Brown (1997, p.84) describes the results as, "unreliable and insignificant."
- c) Martin Luther King Jr. asserted the oppression of the "negro" in American society is unjust.
- d) The press described the speakers as belonging to the "neo-liberal capitalist faction" of society.
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