

# DIALOGUE PUNCTUATION CARDS



Cut out the cards and use them to punctuate dialogue correctly.



## OPENING QUOTATION MARK

Shows where the spoken words begin.

### Example:

“Where are you going?” asked Sam.



## CLOSING QUOTATION MARK

Shows where the spoken words end.

### Example:

“I’m coming,” said Mia.



## COMMA

Used before the reporting clause in dialogue.

### Example:

“I’ll be late,” said Ben.



## QUESTION MARK

Used at the end of a question.

### Example:

“What time does the film start?” asked Zoe.



## EXCLAMATION MARK

Used at the end of a strong feeling or shout.

### Example:

“Watch out!” shouted Tom.



## COLON

Used before dialogue that explains or lists.

### Example:

She had one rule: “Tell the truth.”



## SEMICOLON

Used between two related clauses with dialogue.

### Example:

“I need help,” he said; “this is too hard.”



## DASH

Used to show a sudden break or interruption.

### Example:

“Wait—what just happened?”



## ELLIPSIS

Used to show a pause or trailing off.

### Example:

“I don’t know... maybe later.”