

Topic 1: Story Writing with Dialogue

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Key Concept

Dialogue is written using quotation marks to show exactly what a character says, like: "I am going home," said Ravi.

Each time a different character speaks, we usually start a new line, called a new paragraph, to keep the dialogue clear.

Dialogue tags like 'said,' 'asked,' or 'shouted' tell readers who is speaking and how they are saying it.

Using dialogue effectively brings characters to life, reveals their personality, and moves the story's plot forward naturally.

Quick Revision Notes

- Dialogue uses quotation marks for exact speech.
- Example: "I am going home," said Ravi.
- New speaker usually starts a new paragraph.
- This keeps dialogue clear.
- Dialogue tags: said, asked, shouted.
- They show who speaks and how.
- Dialogue brings characters to life.
- It also moves the plot forward.

Practice Questions

- 1 Write a short dialogue between two characters.
- 2 Add a dialogue tag to a line of speech.
- 3 Rewrite a story adding dialogue.
- 4 Punctuate a dialogue sentence correctly.
- 5 Write a conversation showing a character's personality.
- 6 Read a story and find examples of dialogue.