

Model answers: Writing a dialogue

Worksheet 8: Speech Marks in conversation

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"I want to go swimming!" announced James.

"I thought you had homework to do?" wondered Mom.

"Oh Mom," sighed James. "I've almost finished. Can I take an hour off?"

"Yes, you can take an hour off," agreed Mom.

Practice 1: Answers may vary as it was an open discussion done by the students in pairs.

Practice 2: Planning a party

Imagine that you and your friend are planning a party. Write a dialogue between you both to talk about your plans.

◆ Your dialogue should include at least six to eight lines of dialogue (speech sentences). Make sure to start a new line when you have a new speaker.

◆ Use reporting clauses (e.g., Mia suggested, Leo exclaimed).

◆ Replace "said" with more interesting verbs (e.g., asked, replied, shouted, whispered, declared, announced).

◆ Use correct punctuation for dialogue (quotation marks, commas and capital letters).

Modelled writing- Students' dialogue may vary

Mila, Katia and Sara are planning to conduct a party to celebrate the last day of school.

"Have you thought about what theme we should use for our last day school party?" Mila asked.

"I was thinking something fun like a tropical beach theme. What do you think?" Katia suggested.

Sara replied, "That sounds awesome! I can already picture the decorations and the music."

"Exactly! We could even play fun games. Wouldn't that be hilarious?" Katia exclaimed.

"I love it! I'll start looking for some colorful decoration ideas online. Moreover, I can look for some fun games to play," Mila announced.

"Great! I'll check if we can borrow a speaker for music," Sara declared.

"Perfect! Let's also decide on snacks. Maybe some fruity drinks?" Mila proposed.

Katia affirmed, "Absolutely! I'll bring some recipes for tropical cocktails."

And they had the best party ever!