

## Dialogue Structure and Formatting Rules

### General Rules:

1. Never use SAID more than once in your writing. (see list of alternative words)
2. New person speaking = New line of dialogue
  - a. Make sure to **INDENT** the new line!!!
3. ONLY **periods** are shapeshifters (into commas). All other “special punctuation” is unchanged by your “who said it”

### Punctuation Placement with Your “Who Said It”:

*“This homework is excellent! You need to focus on it.”*

1. When the “who said it” appears **BEFORE** the quote:

*Ms. Simpson said, “This homework is excellent! You need to focus on it.”*

2. When the “who said it” appears **AFTER** the quote:

*“This homework is excellent! You need to focus on it,” Ms. Simpson said.*

3. When the “who said it” appears **AFTER** the quote, but the quote ends in “SPECIAL PUNCTUATION” (!, ?, ..., etc.):

*“This homework is excellent! You need to focus on it!” Ms. Simpson said.*

4. When the “who said it” appears **WITHIN** the quote, **BUT** between two complete sentences:

*“This homework is excellent!” Ms. Simpson said. “You need to focus on it.”*

5. When the “who said it” appears **WITHIN** the quote in the **MIDDLE** of a sentence:

*“This homework,” Ms. Simpson said, “is excellent! You need to focus on it.”*

### The emotion of ANGER 🤔

|            |           |             |           |             |
|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| accused    | argued    | asserted    | badgered  | barked      |
| bellowed   | bickered  | challenged  | chided    | clipped     |
| clucked    | commanded | complained  | corrected | countered   |
| cursed     | dared     | demanded    | disagreed | exasperated |
| exploded   | fumed     | gibed       | goaded    | growled     |
| grumbled   | harshly   | hissed      | hollered  | howled      |
| huffed     | insulted  | interrupted | jeered    | jibed       |
| muttered   | nagged    | objected    | ordered   | pestered    |
| provoked   | quipped   | raged       | ranted    | retaliated  |
| retorted   | roared    | sassed      | screamed  | scoffed     |
| scolded    | seethed   | shot        | shouted   | shrieked    |
| shrilled   | snapped   | snarled     | sneered   | spat        |
| spluttered | sputtered | stormed     | swore     | taunted     |
| threatened | warned    | yelled      |           |             |

### The emotion of FEAR 😨

|          |           |           |           |                           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| babbled  | begged    | blubbered | choked    | <a href="#">confessed</a> |
| croaked  | denied    | doubted   | dribbled  | fretted                   |
| groaned  | gulped    | implored  | moaned    | panted                    |
| pleaded  | pled      | prayed    | quavered  | slurred                   |
| squeaked | squealed  | stammered | stuttered | whimpered                 |
| whined   | whispered | worried   |           |                           |

### The emotion of DISGUST 🤢

|          |         |        |        |         |
|----------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| grimaced | grunted | mocked | rasped | refused |
| snorted  |         |        |        |         |

**The emotion of HAPPINESS 😊**

|           |          |              |               |          |
|-----------|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| approved  | beamed   | bubbled      | cackled       | chatted  |
| chattered | cheered  | chirped      | chittered     | chortled |
| chorused  | chuckled | complimented | congratulated | cooed    |
| crowed    | effused  | encouraged   | exulted       | forgave  |
| giggled   | gurgled  | gushed       | hummed        | jested   |
| joked     | laughed  | praised      | prattled      | purred   |
| resounded | sang     | simpered     | smiled        | smirked  |
| trilled   | thanked  |              |               |          |

**The emotion of SADNESS 😞**

|            |         |           |          |         |
|------------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|
| apologized | bawled  | comforted | consoled | cried   |
| lamented   | mumbled | murmured  | sighed   | sniffed |
| sniffled   | sobbed  | spilled   | wailed   | wept    |

**The emotion of SURPRISE 😲**

|         |          |           |         |           |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| bleated | blurted  | burst out | coughed | exclaimed |
| gaspd   | marveled | perplexed | puzzled | yelped    |

**Words associated with questions or curiosity 🤔**

|           |            |         |          |         |
|-----------|------------|---------|----------|---------|
| cautioned | challenged | coaxed  | hinted   | pleaded |
| puzzled   | queried    | quizzed | wondered | worried |

**Words not associated with any particular emotion 😐**

|              |            |         |           |          |
|--------------|------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| acknowledged | acquiesced | added   | addressed | admitted |
| advised      | affirmed   | agreed  | announced | answered |
| articulated  | asked      | assured | avowed    | began    |
| bet          | blurted    | boasted | boomed    | bragged  |
| breathed     | broke in   | bugged  | cajoled   | called   |

|             |                              |                          |            |             |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| cautioned   | chimed in                    | claimed                  | clarified  | coached     |
| coaxed      | commented                    | conceded                 | concluded  | concurred   |
| confided    | confirmed                    | considered               | continued  | contributed |
| convinced   | decided                      | <a href="#">declared</a> | defended   | deflected   |
| demurred    | described                    | disclosed                | divulged   | drawled     |
| echoed      | ended                        | explained                | expressed  | finished    |
| gawked      | gently                       | gloated                  | greeted    | guessed     |
| hinted      | <a href="#">hypothesized</a> | imitated                 | implied    | informed    |
| inquired    | insisted                     | interjected              | intoned    | instructed  |
| lectured    | lied                         | lisped                   | maintained | mentioned   |
| mimicked    | mouthed                      | mused                    | motioned   | nodded      |
| noted       | notified                     | observed                 | offered    | opined      |
| piped       | pointed out                  | pondered                 | proclaimed | promised    |
| pronounced  | proposed                     | protested                | put in     | questioned  |
| quietly     | quizzed                      | quoted                   | reasoned   | reassured   |
| recalled    | reckoned                     | recounted                | reiterated | related     |
| remarked    | remembered                   | reminded                 | repeated   | replied     |
| reported    | requested                    | responded                | restated   | revealed    |
| ridiculed   | sneezed                      | snickered                | speculated | spoke       |
| spluttered  | started                      | stated                   | stressed   | suggested   |
| surmised    | sympathized                  | teased                   | tempted    | tested      |
| testified   | theorized                    | told                     | urged      | uttered     |
| volunteered | vowed                        | went on                  | wheezed    | wondered    |
| yawned      | yapped                       | yakked                   |            |             |